

Advent 2026

A 25-Day Devotional of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Light

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The Scripture passages used throughout this devotional are drawn from the Holy Bible, which Christians believe is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. Unless otherwise noted, quotations are taken from the World English Bible (WEB), a public-domain modern translation.

During Advent, the Scriptures point us to both the historical coming of Jesus Christ into the world as a baby and His promised return at the end of all things. Passages about prophecy, waiting, light in darkness, peace, joy, and preparation are woven throughout these twenty-five days.

You may use your preferred Bible translation while working through this devotional. The themes remain rooted in God's faithful Word: He comes to save, He prepares His people by grace, and He calls us to hope with expectation.

INTRODUCTION:

Advent is a season of holy waiting. It asks us to slow down amid the noise of December, set aside our assumptions about Christmas, and turn again to what God has promised: Jesus Christ--the Light who enters the darkness, the Savior who brings peace, and the King whose coming fills creation with hope.

**Advent 2026: A Twenty-Five Day Devotional* invites you into a daily journey toward the birth of our Lord. Each day is crafted to help you encounter Scripture anew, pray with honesty, and allow Advent to shape your heart. Whether you are preparing for Christmas in church, family gatherings, or simply seeking deeper intimacy with God, this devotional will guide you from expectation through repentance, joy, love, and worship.*

As we approach the birth of Jesus, we remember not only that He came once in Bethlehem but also that He is coming again. Advent reminds us that history has a direction, suffering does not have the final word, and God's promises are trustworthy. The waiting is not empty; it is full of hope. It is a season to trust God's timing, renew our hearts, and prepare ourselves for what He has always been faithful to do: bring light into darkness.

In these twenty-five days, we will walk through key Advent Scriptures--Isaiah's promises about the coming King, John the Baptist's call to preparation, Mary's Magnificat, Simeon's prayer of waiting, and other passages that reveal God's heart for His people. Each day will invite you to read slowly, reflect deeply, and respond in prayer.

May this devotional help you experience Advent not merely as a countdown, but as an invitation into the arms of the One who is coming: Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Day 1: Hope Begins

"I will fulfill the promise I made to you," says the Lord, "that people of your own tribe and town will live with you again." The time is coming when I will fulfill my good intentions concerning Israel and Judah. In those days the branch of David will produce a righteous King, ruling as a king, administering justice and righteousness. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is why they will call him "the Lord our Righteousness."

Jeremiah writes this in the middle of exile, not after it -- the promise arrives before the resolution, not as a victory lap once things improved. That timing matters. If you're currently in a season that's stretched longer than you expected, this isn't a promise written from the other side of the waiting. It's written from inside it.

"I will fulfill the promise I made to you" grounds everything that follows in God's own character, not in how things currently look. That's worth noticing if your hope has started running on evidence instead of trust -- waiting for circumstances to improve before you'll believe anything's actually coming. Jeremiah's audience had every reason to stop believing. God speaks anyway, before the evidence arrives.

The promise itself lands on a person -- a righteous King, called "the Lord our Righteousness." Not a policy. Not a plan. A name that carries the whole promise inside it: that whatever's been broken gets addressed by someone, specifically, not fixed by time alone.

If today feels stuck -- waiting for healing, for provision, for something to finally shift -- that's not evidence the promise failed. It might just be evidence you're still in the part of the story where the promise is still advancing, quietly, before it's visible yet.

Prayer:

Lord, my hope runs on evidence more than it should. Help me trust what you've said is coming, even before I can see it moving. Renew hope today, not because circumstances changed, but because you haven't. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

- Where in your life do you need hope to begin again?
- What promise of God feels most worth holding onto today?
- What would trusting him this week, before you see movement, actually look like?