ADVENT SERIES

KINGDOM COME



“It is this that we are celebrating today: the coming of God to man, that we might go forth, or rather that we might go back to God”

— GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS


HOPE

12 Hope deferred makes the heart
sick,
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

PROVERBS 13:12 ESV

11 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

PSALM 42:11 NIV

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a
decree that a census should be taken of the
entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census
that took place while Quirinius was governor of
Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town
to register.
4 So Joseph also went up from the town of
Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the
town of David, because he belonged to the
house and line of David.

LUKE 2:1-4 NIV

5 He went there to register with Mary, who was
pledged to be married to him and was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the
time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she
gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped
him in cloths and placed him in a manger,
because there was no guest room available
for them.

LUKE 2:5-7 NIV

A Thrill of Hope:

- **Rest in His Sovereignty**

1 The king’s heart is a stream of
water in the hand of the LORD; he
turns it wherever he will.

PROVERBS 21:1 ESV

A Thrill of Hope:

- **Rest in God's Sovereignty**
  What am I trying to control?

A Thrill of Hope:

- **Rest in God's Sovereignty**
  What am I trying to control?
- **Trust in God's Faithfulness**

27 And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

PSALM 89:27 ESV

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

MICAH 5:2 ESV

God’s Promises:

- **He forgives our sins.** 1 John 1:9
- **He heals our broken hearts.** Psalm 147:3
- **He restores our souls.** Psalm 23:3
- **He renews our strength.** Isaiah 40:31
- **He carries our burdens.** Psalm 68:19
- **He gives us wisdom when we ask.** James 1:5
- **He comforts us in our suffering.** 2 Cor 1:3–4
- **He gives us peace in our anxiety.** Phil. 4:6–7
- **He provides for our needs.** Matthew 6:31–33
- **He guides our steps.** Proverbs 3:5–6
- **He gives rest to the weary.** Matthew 11:28
- **He draws near to the brokenhearted.** Ps. 34:18
- **He gives grace in our weakness.** 2 Corinthians 12:9
- **He makes us new.** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **He frees us from condemnation.** Romans 8:1
- **He provides a way out of temptation.** 1 Cor. 10:13
- **He works all things together for our good.** Rom. 8:28
- **He hears us when we pray according to his will.** 1 Jn. 5:14
- **He never leaves or forsakes us.** Hebrews 13:5
- **He finishes the work he begins in us.** Philippians 1:6
- **He gives us eternal life.** John 10:28
- **He will wipe away every tear.** Revelation 21:4
- **He will make all things new.** Revelation 21:5
- **He will come again.** John 14:3

A Thrill of Hope:

- **Rest in God’s Sovereignty**
  What am I trying to control?
- **Trust in God’s Faithfulness**
  Am I holding on to my expectations or God's promises?

A Thrill of Hope:

- **Rest in God’s Sovereignty**
  What am I trying to control?
- **Trust in God’s Faithfulness**
  Am I holding on to my expectations or God's promises?
- **Welcome God’s Nearness**

“Hope itself is like a star—not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity.”

— CHARLES SPURGEON



15 For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to empathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who
has been tempted in every way, just
as we are—yet he did not sin.

HEBREWS 4:15 NIV

A Thrill of Hope:

- **Rest in God’s Sovereignty**
  What am I trying to control?
- **Trust in God’s Faithfulness**
  Am I holding on to my expectations or God's promises?
- **Welcome God’s Nearness**
  Where do I need to make room for God?

“He assumes the poverty of my flesh that I may assume the riches of His divinity.”

— GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

