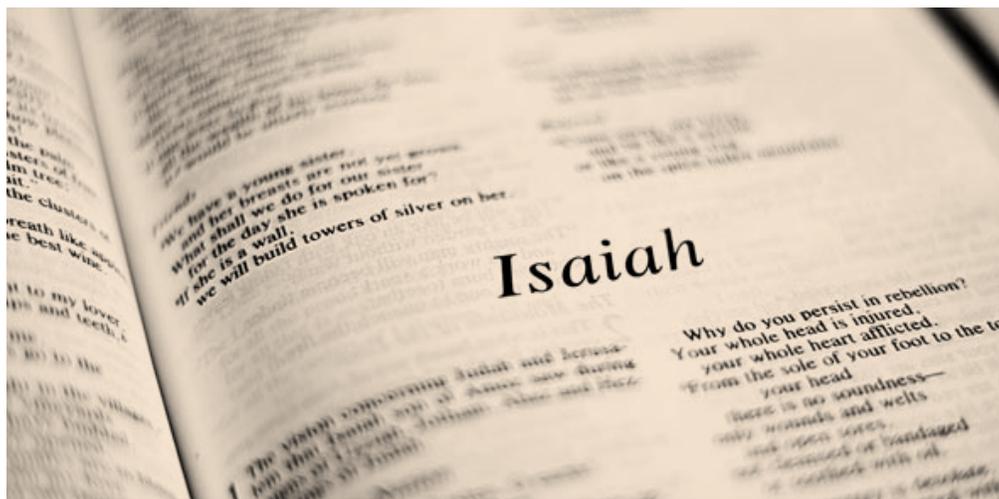


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## YOUR LIGHT HAS COME: ISAIAH 60



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## Introduction to *Isaiah 60*

In chapter 60, Isaiah gives the clearest and most compelling vision yet of the salvation which God is preparing for His people. He will make of them a new temple and a new City, constructed of the finest materials, gathered from all the nations. The nations join in the work of building the new City of the Lord, and peace, joy, and safety abound.

Isaiah is looking forward both the time in which we live (cf. Is. 2.1-4) and the day when there will no longer be need for the light of the sun or moon, because will be all the Light we need. The prophet pulls his spyglass out to its full length in chapter 60, to give the people of Judah and Jerusalem a future and a hope.

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## 1 Light and Glory

*Pray Psalm 126.4-6.*

Bring back our captivity, O LORD,  
As the streams in the South.  
Those who sow in tears  
Shall reap in joy.  
He who continually goes forth weeping,  
Bearing seed for sowing,  
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,  
Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

*Read Isaiah 60.1-3.*

*Reflect.*

1. How is God's glory like light? What are the effects of this light?
2. How would you describe the mood or tone of these verses? What affect do they have on you as you read them?

*Meditate.*

The final section of Isaiah, chapters 60-66, is filled with dizzying visions of the promise of the new covenant. The images are bright, exciting, and compelling, and they should lead us to desire more of the Lord's great salvation every day.

The contrast of light and darkness is a familiar image throughout the Scriptures. Darkness suggests evil, fear, the unknown, and uncertainty. The coming of the light dispels all that. The light accompanies the glory of the Lord, as it rises upon His people and shines through them into the dark world. The light is understanding, life, hope, joy, newness, and truth. It pleases the Lord to bring this light to the world in the salvation won by His suffering Servant and distributed to His chosen people.

So bright and far-flung is the light to come, that the Gentile nations will see it and be drawn to it (recall Is. 2.1-4). Kings and rulers will come to the brightness of God's glory that shines from within His people. Jesus picked up on this image in Matthew 5.13-16, saying that the light we shine, and by which we glorify God, is the good works we do in every area of our lives to bring righteousness, justice, peace, and joy into the world. It is the light of Jesus Himself, Who has risen to dispel the darkness of the world, and continues to do so more and more (1 Jn. 2.8). As people experience Jesus in us, they will be drawn to the glory of God, and we will have abundant opportunities to give a reason for the hope that shines so brightly in us (1 Pet. 3.15).

The immediate future may have looked dark for the people of Judah and Jerusalem. But their captivity in Babylon would be only for a season. They must look beyond that dark time, far ahead to the coming day of light and glory and salvation. And we must do the same, for although we who believe know the Lord's great salvation right now, amid the darkness of our sad and weary world, we look forward, in hope and obedience, to an even brighter day of salvation yet to come.

And Isaiah is going to fill out in more detail just what we should be hoping for in the greater coming of our Lord's salvation.

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*Reflect.*

1. How does the Lord shine the light of His glory in and through His people?
2. Why are people drawn to such light? What is it like to live in darkness every day?
3. How should we pray, so that the light of God's glory may shine in and through us as God intends?

*Hail and shine, thou Jerusalem, for thy light is come, the Light eternal, the Light forever enduring, the Light supreme, the Light immaterial, the Light of same substance with God and the Father, the Light that is in the Spirit, and that is the Father; the Light that illumines the ages; the Light that gives light to mundane and supramundane things, Christ our very God.*  
Methodius of Olympus (d. 311 AD), *Oration Concerning Simeon and Anna 13*

*Let Your light shine in me today, O Lord, so that I...*

*Pray Psalm 126.*

Isaiah 60.1-3 suggests a vision of revival for us to embrace, that we might be "like those who dream". Pray this psalm with that vision in mind, seeking the Lord for revival for yourself, your church, your community, and our world. Pray for an opportunity to sow and cast the Good Seed of the Kingdom today.

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 126** (*Truro: Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*)

When God restored our fortunes all, we were like those who sweetly dream.  
Our mouths with joy and laughter filled, made Him our constant song and theme.

Then the astonished nations said, "The Lord has done great things for them!"  
Indeed, great things our God has done, Whose Name we praise, Amen, Amen!

Restore our fortunes, Lord our King! Let grace like flowing streams prevail.  
All they with tears of joy shall sing who sow while yet they weep and wail.

They who in tears of sorrow sow and cast their seed on every hand,  
With joy shall reach their heav'nly home, and bring the harvest of their land.

## 2 One Big Happy Family

*Pray Psalm 122.1.*

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

*Read Isaiah 60.4-7.*

*Reflect.*

1. How do the verses for today parallel and enlarge on Isaiah 2.1-4?
2. How would you describe the mood of these verses?

*Meditate.*

In Isaiah 2.1-4, the prophet foresaw a day when the nations would stream up to the mountain of the Lord’s house. Here he repeats that vision and enlarges it, showing that the day is coming when the “house of My glory” will be one big happy family of servants, worshippers, and witnesses.

The focus of these verses is on the Lord’s house – His people. As their light begins to shine, and the glory of God becomes visible in them (vv. 1-3), the nations of the world will respond in glad and willing submission. The prophet exhorts the people to see this vision clearly (v. 4). Those who are the true sons and daughters of God will be streaming up to His house from every nation. They will share in the glory of God with His people, and together they will “swell with joy” (v. 5). They will bring all their wealth into the Lord’s house and use it to “proclaim the praises of the LORD” (vv. 5, 6). They will come as ministers and worshipers, bringing their offerings to the Lord and glorifying Him within His house (v. 7).

Israel had never seen anything like this, but it was always in the plan of God to bless the nations of the world through the people He had chosen for Himself (cf. Gen. 12.1-3). We are the people of God described in these verses, the house of His glory (cf. Eph. 2.19-22). We are called to serve, worship, and bear witness to the Lord, and to give of ourselves and our wealth in seeking the Kingdom of God. We should have a vision of reaching more people for Christ, and we should work hard at realizing that vision in our generation.

God has promised. He expected His people of Judah and Jerusalem to cling to and prepare for this vision, even as they were going into captivity in Babylon. He expects the same of us today.

*Prepare.*

1. How do the light of Christ and the glory of God shine forth in a believer’s life? In a local church?
2. What expectations and what vision should we cherish as we work our Personal Mission Field?
3. Would you say that yours is a church of servants, worshippers, and witnesses? Explain.

*He says these words with regard to the righteous ones of the synagogue, who gather from every land and come to it; however, in a figurative sense, these words signify the children of the holy church, the dispersed peoples, I mean, who were quite far away and distant from God. The gospel of Christ, preached to them by the holy apostles, gathered them, so that the apostles carried them as if in their arms and introduced them into the sheepfold of the church, their mother. Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD), Commentary on Isaiah 60.4, 5*

*Lord, give me a vision for reaching the people in my Personal Mission Field! Help me today to...*

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*Pray Psalm 122.*

Let this psalm lead you to pray for your church – its leaders, members, and ministries. Pray that the peace of the Lord and fullness of the Gospel will abound in your church.

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 122** (*Nettleton: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

I was glad when they said to me, “To the Lord’s house let us go!”

Holy City, let our feet be firmly planted in your soil.

Jesus builds His Church forever, where His people sing His praise!

As Your Word decrees forever, we will thank You all our days.

On the throne of David, Jesus sits to judge the nations all.

As our holy peace increases we are safe who on You call.

Grant us peace, Lord, by Your favor; for Your people’s sake we pray.

For the Church’s sake, O Savior, we will seek Your good today.

### 3 Open Gates

*Pray Psalm 24.3-5.*

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?  
Or who may stand in His holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,  
Nor sworn deceitfully.  
He shall receive blessing from the LORD,  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

*Read Isaiah 60.8-12.*

*Reflect.*

1. The gates of God's city "shall be open continually." In the context of these verses, what does that mean?
2. Why are the nations coming to the gates of God's city? What will they do there?

*Meditate.*

The apostle John brought this vision into His own vision of the coming City of God, the Church (cf. Rev. 21.22-27). It is a vision for the last days, and tells us what to expect as the Lord fulfills His eternal covenant through the work of the suffering Servant.

The flood of people making their way to the City of God continues. Peoples fly like doves "to their roosts" (v. 8). From the coastlands, ships bring "your sons from afar" (v. 9), and all their treasures with them. God has glorified His City by filling it with Himself (v. 9) and bringing His people into His glory.

Foreigners from every nation contribute to building the City of God. Their kings become servants of the Lord, as God continues to draw them from every part, "day or night" (v. 11). Those nations that will not serve the Lord and His City will perish and "be utterly ruined" (v. 12).

God struck His people in His wrath, sending them away to captivity in Babylon (v. 10). But in the last days, when the mountain of the Lord's house is exalted as chief among the mountains of the earth (Is. 2.1-4), and an unending stream of peoples will come, bringing all their talent and time and treasure, to share in the work of building God's City of peace. This is what God teaches us to expect, and therefore what we should be working to realize.

Is this the way it is in our churches?

*Prepare.*

1. How do your own expectations for the Gospel compare with what Isaiah is showing us in chapter 60?
2. Why are we not seeing this vision coming to pass in the churches in our day?
3. This is a work of God's favor and mercy (v. 10). What does that mean? How does this work proceed in a local church?

*It is possible to contemplate the fulfillment of the divine word when one sees, in consequence of the conversion of the nations, such souls dedicating themselves to the message of godliness and being diligently busy in the ministry of the altar of God. It is then*

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*especially on account of the conversion of such souls and their salvation that the church of God receives glory.* Eusebius of Caesarea (260-340 AD), *Commentary on Isaiah 2.50*

*Lord, what about in my own Personal Mission Field? How does this vision apply to me and my calling as a citizen of Your Kingdom? What should I be doing so that...*

*Pray Psalm 24.*

Pray that the King of glory will come into the gates of your soul, and the gates of all His churches, for revival, renewal, and awakening.

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 24** (*Foundation: How Firm a Foundation*)

The earth is the Lord's, as is all it contains.  
The world and its peoples He daily sustains.  
He founded it fast on the seas long ago,  
and bid gentle rivers throughout it to flow.

Oh, who may ascend to the Lord's holy place?  
And who may appear to His glorious face?  
All they who are clean in their hearts and their hands  
and true in their souls with the Savior shall stand.

A blessing all they from the Lord shall receive  
who seek Him and on His salvation believe.  
For these are His people, the children of grace,  
who earnestly, eagerly seek for His face.

O lift up your heads, all you gates of the soul,  
for the Savior would enter and render you whole!  
The Lord strong and mighty in battle draws nigh;  
He rules in His glory above us on high.

O Who is this King, Who approaches our gate?  
His might is before us, His glory is great!  
This King is the Lord of all glory above,  
Who comes to indwell us in mercy and love!

## 4 Excellence and Joy

*Pray Psalm 48.1-3.*

Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised  
In the city of our God,  
In His holy mountain.  
Beautiful in elevation,  
The joy of the whole earth,  
Is Mount Zion *on* the sides of the north,  
The city of the great King.  
God *is* in her palaces;  
He is known as her refuge.

*Read Isaiah 60.13-15.*

*Reflect.*

1. Would you say that God sees His City as having significant influence? Explain.
2. What does God promise to make of His City? What does that mean?

*Meditate.*

The vision of Gentiles streaming into the City of the LORD, bringing all their wealth with them, continues in these verses. Isaiah is emphatic that the nations of the earth are to be grafted in to the people of God, and to join in the task of building His City. This would be all but impossible for the people of Isaiah's day to fathom, especially in view of the fact that soon a Gentile nation would come and raze their city and temple.

Perhaps this is why Isaiah keeps mentioning this, to get the people of God to look past their present trials and to drive the image home of a coming salvation that was great enough to embrace all peoples, and that would find all the nations of the earth serving together before the Lord.

The people of Judah and Jerusalem are about to be "forsaken and hated" (v. 15), but this will only be a temporary judgment. They must look past this season to the promised times of glory to come. And we must do the same. We know that the greatest part of our salvation is yet to be, when we see Jesus face to face and are made like Him. That vision must be for us a source of comfort, courage, and hope, just as the vision of God's coming salvation and City was to serve the people during their time of captivity.

Our hope is not in our circumstances, but in the Lord and His promises. We are called to be a people of excellence, who are a source of joy for "many generations," and we can't fulfill that calling unless we hold fast to the promises of God, and seek the vision He has laid out for us of our calling to His Kingdom and glory.

*Prepare.*

1. What kind of excellence should the Lord's people demonstrate before the world?
2. How can we fulfill our calling to be a source of joy to the people in our community?
3. Meditate on Ephesians 4.11-16. What is involved in building the Lord's City – His Church – today?

*The Prophet has in his eye that intermediate period which was already at hand; for, soon after his death, the people were deprived of their heritage and led into captivity, so that all thought that there was no remaining hope of their safety. Lest this thought*

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*should come into the minds of believers, by which they might be reduced to despair, "We are undone, there can be no remedy for affairs so desperate, and we ought not to hope for a better condition," he shows that those grievous calamities cannot prevent God from restoring them; for, although for a time, when the Lord chastised them, they appeared to be forsaken, yet it was easy for him to raise them again to prosperity and to a better condition than before. John Calvin (1509-1564), *Commentary on Isaiah 60.15**

*You have called us to joy and excellence, Lord, as a light to all peoples. For me today that means I must...*

*Pray Psalm 48.*

Use this psalm to pray for your church, that it may aspire to the vision of the City of God set forth in this psalm..

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 48** (*Cwm Rhondda: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*)

Great is God, now greatly praise Him in the city of the Lord.  
Holy she, His lovely mountain, great and glorious by His Word!  
God her King is great within her, He, her Stronghold ever sure!  
He, her Stronghold ever sure!

Earthly kings, amazed and wond'ring, look upon the Church with fear.  
See them flee in dread and anguish, knowing that the Lord is near.  
For the city of the Savior God will keep forevermore!  
God will keep forevermore!

For Your grace and lovingkindness we proclaim Your matchless worth!  
As Your Name is, great and boundless, let Your praise fill all the earth.  
Let Your people sing rejoicing for the judgment of Your truth;  
for the judgment of Your truth.

Walk about the blessed city, see her beauty, see her power.  
Count her ramparts, filled with glory, look on ev'ry mighty tower.  
Tell her glory to the nations: God will guide her evermore;  
God will guide her evermore!

## 5 Walls of Salvation, Gates of Praise

*Pray Psalm 51.18.*

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;  
Build the walls of Jerusalem.

*Read Isaiah 60.16-18.*

*Reflect.*

1. God uses only the best materials to build His City. What do these materials represent?
2. How would you describe the condition of things in this City?

*Meditate.*

As Jews and Gentiles assemble in the City of the LORD, they share in the work of building its walls and gates (v. 18). Only the finest materials are used (v. 17), and officers and magistrates who rule in righteousness and peace oversee the work. Violence and destruction do not exist within the LORD's City, as it rises to be a bastion both of salvation and praise.

These images all point forward to the temple which the Spirit of God is building in the lives of individual believers and in the Church (cf. 1 Cor. 6.19; Eph. 2.19-22). The materials used in this work are the most precious by far: God's Word and Spirit, together with prayer. Believers are built up for ministry by faithful "officers" and "magistrates" – pastors and teachers (Eph. 4.11, 12), who equip them with vision, gifts, skills, and eternal life in Jesus Christ. Thus they realize more of the Lord's salvation, and increase in praise and thanks to Him. As believers work their ministries – their Personal Mission Fields – the church as a whole grows to maturity in Christ (Eph. 4.11-16; 1 Cor. 12.7-11).

As the City of the LORD is a place of peace and collaboration, salvation and praise, so churches should aspire to be the same. Thus our churches become both *signs* of the Kingdom and *outposts* from which the Kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

As we see this happening, we will know that God the LORD is indeed our Savior and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. And all the people who see our churches like this will know it, too.

*Reflect.*

1. Is your church known as a community of peace, righteousness, salvation, and praise?
2. How does the work of building your church compare with the symbolic representation of that work which is set forth in Isaiah 60.16-18?
3. Working at building the Lord's City and knowing Him as Savior and Redeemer are clearly related. Explain.

*Therefore, having raised the eyes of your souls, seek, in a manner worthy of things above, what pertains to the city of God. What could anyone consider as deserving of the happiness in that city, which the river of God makes joyful and of which God is the craftsman and creator? Basil the Great (330-379 AD), Homilies on the Psalms 18.4)*

*Build me as Your temple, O Lord, and use me to build our church as I...*

*Pray Psalm 51.14-19.*

How is the Lord using you to build His Church? Pray for wisdom, grace, and the Presence of the Lord to

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work your Personal Mission Field today.

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 51.14-19** (*He Leadeth Me*)

Deliver us, from guilt, O Lord, You Who have saved us by Your Word;  
And let our tongues Your mercy bless, and sing of Your great righteousness!

*Refrain vs. 15, 18*

Lord, open now our lips to raise to You sweet songs of joyous praise!  
Thus let Your favor on us fall, and build and strengthen Zion's wall!

No sacrifice, no offering would You have us, Your people, bring;  
But broken spirits, cleansed of lies, and pure hearts You will not despise.

*Refrain*

Now build Your Church, raise high the wall of those who on Your mercy call.  
And take our lives and let them be sweet sacrifices, Lord, to Thee!

*Refrain*

## 6 The Lord Our Light

*Pray Psalm 27.4.*

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,  
That will I seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
All the days of my life,  
To behold the beauty of the LORD,  
And to inquire in His temple.

*Read Isaiah 60.19-22.*

*Reflect.*

1. To what time frame do these verses seem to refer?
2. How is “light” being used here? What about “land” and “branch”?

*Meditate.*

Isaiah is given a glimpse into the new heavens and new earth, the time when we will no longer need the light of the sun or the moon, for the Light of God will shine perpetually and without obstruction (vv. 19, 20; cf. Rev. 22.1-5). Of course, this begins within the framework of history as we know it. Jesus, the Light of the world, has dawned, and His Light is overcoming the darkness and filling all the world (1 Jn. 2.8; Eph. 4.8-10). The use of “light” here implies many things, among them life, understanding, peace, joy, and more.

The effects of this on the people of God are to make them righteous and to glorify God in becoming a holy nation (vv. 21, 22). From one small people a strong nation shall grow to inherit the earth (NKJV: “land”, v. 21). As God had planted His people in the past, so He will plant them again, and they will glorify Him. This will be entirely a work of God’s grace, “The work of My hands.”

Isaiah keeps pulling out the lengths of his spyglass, leading the people of his day and ours to see far into the future, when, “in its time”, the Lord will bring His promises to full fruition, and His creation and people will be fully renewed and restored. We to whom this promise is given must nurture the vision of it in our minds, and devote ourselves to seeking it daily.

*Prepare.*

1. Why is it important to have, as clear as possible, a vision of the world to come? How can you nurture such a vision?
2. How do you experience the Lord as Light in your life?
3. What should we be doing in anticipation of this coming New Day?

*This is exactly what the future life possesses. It will need neither moon nor sun, since it has the ineffable light of God. But those who believe can take advantage of it in a provisional form. Nevertheless, in a figurative sense, believers enjoy this light even now. When they are illuminated by this light, they take the road that is free from error. Theodoret of Cyr (393-466 AD), Commentary on Isaiah 19.60.19*

*In the Light of that coming New Day, help me live in Your Light today, and to shine Your Light so that...*

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*Pray Psalm 27.*

Our hope, our joy, our purpose, and our strength are in knowing and serving the Lord. Let this psalm renew you for the day ahead, and fill you with hope for all the days of your life to come.

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 27** (*Joanna: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*)

Lord, You are our Light and our Savior most dear!  
You guard us with might; therefore, whom shall we fear?  
Though evil surround us, our enemies fall;  
no harm shall confound us when on You we call.

One thing we request but to dwell with You, Lord,  
Your beauty to test and to think on Your Word.  
In trouble You hide us secure in Your grace;  
no foe may o'erride us: We sing of Your praise!

Hear, Lord, when we cry and be gracious, we pray!  
Lord, do not deny us Your favor this day!  
Our help, our salvation, though others may fall,  
preserve our good station when on You we call.

Lord, teach us; Lord, lead us because of our foes!  
Hear, Lord, when we plead for release from their woes.  
Had we not believed all Your goodness to see,  
our heart sorely grieved and in turmoil would be.

Wait, wait on the Lord; persevere in His grace.  
Hold fast to His Word; seek His radiant face.  
Be strong, set your heart to abide in His Word;  
His grace He imparts; therefore, wait on the Lord.

## 7 Glorious City

*Pray Psalm 48.1-3.*

Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised  
In the city of our God,  
In His holy mountain.  
Beautiful in elevation,  
The joy of the whole earth,  
Is Mount Zion *on* the sides of the north,  
The city of the great King.  
God *is* in her palaces;  
He is known as her refuge.

*Review Isaiah chapter 60.*

*Reflect.*

1. The city of Jerusalem was soon to be destroyed, but God was promising a greater City to come. Why was this an important prophesy for the people of Judah and Jerusalem?
2. How would you describe the City God promised to build for His people?

*Meditate.*

Soon Jerusalem would be in ruins. The temple would be destroyed. The people would be captive to the Gentile nation of Babylonia. All of this makes Isaiah 60 very important, for here God promises to restore a temple and City to His people, and to make the Gentiles their servants and co-inhabitants. Without this vision to cling to, the people heading off to Babylon would have had little hope for the future. God was chastening them in the present, and Isaiah had gone to great lengths to explain why this was necessary, and why God was just in doing so. But God is above all gracious and loving toward His people, and Isaiah did not want them to forget that.

The temple and City God promised in this chapter are far greater, more expansive, and more majestic than Jerusalem ever was. Isaiah is looking all the way through the long corridor of history into a time beyond time when the Light of God will be all His people need, and no nation or enemy will threaten or oppose them.

Part of the vision of this chapter applies to the Church in our time; part of it applies to the Church in the new heavens and new earth. The promise of a new and glorious City offered hope to Israel in Isaiah's day, and it should provide hope for us in ours. A day is coming when we and all the people of God will rejoice in His Light and glory, living in a City of salvation, praise, and glory, with nothing to threaten or obstruct our joy.

We need to nurture this vision and cling to it always, and Isaiah is about to give us more fuel to heat the fire of this vision in our hearts.

*Prepare.*

1. How does vision work in the life of faith? Where should we look to gain a vision of hope? How should that vision guide our daily lives?
2. This chapter opens and closes with a focus on light. Why? How does light function in this chapter? In what sense has our light come? In what sense is it yet to come? What does this mean for us?

3. What's your primary takeaway from Isaiah 60?

*Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Rejoice and be glad, O Zion! ...Christ is risen, and he has crushed death and raised the dead: rejoice, therefore, O nations of the earth! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen over you.* John of Damascus (650-750 AD), *The Canon of Pascha, Ninth Ode*

*Light my path today, O Lord, so that I might live for Your glory as I...*

*Pray Psalm 48.*

Pray for your church, and for a clear vision of how you can help it realize its full potential and place in the City of the Lord.

*Sing to the Lord.*

**Psalm 48** (*Cwm Rhondda: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*)

Great is God, now greatly praise Him in the city of the Lord.

Holy she, His lovely mountain, great and glorious by His Word!

God her King is great within her, He, her Stronghold ever sure!

He, her Stronghold ever sure!

Earthly kings, amazed and wond'ring, look upon the Church with fear.

See them flee in dread and anguish, knowing that the Lord is near.

For the city of the Savior God will keep forevermore!

God will keep forevermore!

For Your grace and lovingkindness we proclaim Your matchless worth!

As Your Name is, great and boundless, let Your praise fill all the earth.

Let Your people sing rejoicing for the judgment of Your truth;

for the judgment of Your truth.

Walk about the blessed city, see her beauty, see her power.

Count her ramparts, filled with glory, look on ev'ry mighty tower.

Tell her glory to the nations: God will guide her evermore;

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*Your Light Has Come: Isaiah 60*

*Questions for reflection or discussion*

1. How is the prophet using light in this chapter? How does this relate to us (cf. Matt. 5.13-16)?
2. How can you see that the vision of this chapter is both for the time in which we live and the world to come?
3. What role should vision like this play in our lives as believers?
4. What does it mean for you to arise and shine God's light each day?
5. What's the most important lesson you've learned from Isaiah 60? How are you putting that lesson to work in your life?

*For prayer:*

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