



Advent Reflection for Saturday, December 4

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Isaiah 60.19-22

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

The first thing that stands out to me is that one day God will be the ultimate source of light—so great and strong—that we won't need the sun and moon. The Lord himself will be an everlasting light. This reminds me of when we have driven to Michigan, usually this very time of year, and we are driving into the setting sun low in the sky. It is blinding and there is really no break from it no matter what you do. When the sun finally dips beneath the horizon it is a relief. The sun is so powerful and strong and yet God's light will drown out even the sun. Mourning, sadness, and tears will be ended forever. Really?

The darkness and coldness of the season close us in our homes in the evenings. The brokenness and prolonged loss of the Pandemic is still with us. When, God, will this light come? Here you say quickly—help us to not give up hope that this will come to be. That one day we will bask in an unending light.

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