

Isaiah 9:2-7 NIV

- <sup>2</sup> *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*
- <sup>3</sup> *You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.*
- <sup>4</sup> *For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.*
- <sup>6</sup> *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

God has set His unique way of life and salvation, through peace, fulfillment, love, and hope, in His Word of Truth. We remember the verses of the hymn Earth and All Stars, which include the following phrases.

Hail, wind and rain  
Trumpet and pipes; Harp, lute, and lyre  
Engines and steel; Limestone and beams  
Classrooms and labs; Athlete and band  
Knowledge and truth; Daughter and son

God uses the people, things, and feelings listed above to carry out His Plan. No matter how hard we try, only HE knows how and when it will be accomplished. **How do you think God will use YOU in this Plan?**

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