

Today's passage tells us that there is a day prepared by God. What will happen on that day? Verses 1 and 2 say that the arrogant and those who do evil will be destroyed like straw thrown into the fire, but for those who fear the Lord, the Sun of Righteousness will rise.

So, what is this Sun of Righteousness that rises on the Day of the Lord? This is one of the representative Old Testament prophecies about the coming of Jesus Christ. In verse 5, God promises to send the prophet Elijah before that day comes. What does this mean? The New Testament shows us that this refers to John the Baptist being sent beforehand, preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would come into the world.

God promises to send Jesus Christ for those in Israel who fear Him. Then, more specifically, what kind of grace is given when the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus, comes into our lives? What blessings does God allow in our lives through Jesus?

First, He gives the grace of light and healing.

Jesus comes as the Sun of Righteousness, the true Light, driving out darkness and bringing healing. Verse 2 describes Jesus as the Sun of Righteousness, the rays of healing. The common theme is light. Jesus is the light that drives out darkness and heals disease. Through Jesus, God promises to remove the darkness within us and heal us.

Only Jesus can resolve the darkness and sickness—spiritual, emotional, physical, and even within our families.

Second, He gives the grace of freedom and joy.

When Jesus comes, He sets us free and fills us with joy. The latter part of verse 2 says, "You will go out and frolic like well-fed calves." Just like calves leaping out of the stall, we are set free from the things that bound and restricted us, restoring the joy of life and gaining strength. This is the blessing of salvation we receive through Jesus.

Third, He gives the grace of turning hearts.

Verse 1 says that the arrogant and those who do evil will head toward judgment and destruction. But those who fear the Lord will experience God's grace. Verses 4-6 tell us how we can enjoy this precious blessing: by remembering God's covenant and turning our hearts back to Him.

To turn means to repent—to move from a heart that exalts oneself to a heart that fears the Lord, from a life where I was the master to a life where Jesus is received as my Savior and Lord.

Let us turn our hearts and receive Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Confess Jesus as your Lord. Decide to walk with the Lord, who is the Word.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

**Bible
Reading**

9/29(Mon)	9/30(Tue)	10/1(Wed)	10/2(Thur)	10/3(Fri)	10/4(Sat)	10/5(Sun)
Daniel 12, Hosea 1-4	Hosea 5-9	Hosea 10-14, Joel 1	Joel 2-3, Amos 1-2	Amos 3-6	Amos 7-9, Obadiah 1	Jonah 1-4, Micah 1-2

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Quiet Time Passage

9/29(Mon)	9/30(Tue)	10/1(Wed)	10/2(Thur)	10/3(Fri)	10/4(Sat)	10/5(Sun)
Romans 11:11-24	Romans 11:25-36	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-14	Romans 12:15-21	Romans 13:1-7	Romans 13:8-14

**Sharing
Questions**

1. What kinds of darkness or sickness cover my life? How can I entrust that problem to Jesus? Share your thoughts.

2. Have you ever experienced the freedom and joy that Jesus gives? If so, when was it?

3. In what areas of my life do I need to turn back to God today? Share and pray together.