

**Sunday – December 3, 2023**

**Advent Sermon Series: “When God?”**

**First Sunday of Advent - Promise**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

***“When God Keeps Me Waiting”  
Isaiah 14:24-27***

Nobody likes waiting, especially if it is something you have been looking forward to for a long time. Birthdays, parties, celebrations, and especially Christmas. Advent is all about waiting, God’s people waiting for the Messiah then, and us waiting for Jesus’ return now.

By many theologians’ estimates, there could be over 5,000 prophecies in the Old Testament referring to Jesus. Some we are very familiar with, especially from the book of Isaiah. This passage is not a direct reference but highlights God’s faithfulness in keeping every promise he ever makes. Here is he is promising help and deliverance to his people in a time of their need- and God always keeps his word.

“The Lord Almighty has sworn, surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand” (*Isaiah 14:24*)

**GOD’S PROMISES HOLD \_\_\_\_\_.**

Read *Isaiah 14:26*.

**GOD ALWAYS SPEAKS THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

We struggle with someone keeping their word because so many times people do not follow through with us.

Read *Isaiah 44:6-8*.

What does this verse say regarding God’s ability to follow through?

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**GOD’S PROMISES ARE \_\_\_\_\_.**

Read *Isaiah 14:27*.

You can’t \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Read *Isaiah 55:11* and *Luke 1:37*. How does Mary’s response to the angel relate to Isaiah’s word from God? Why is Mary so confident in her future?

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**GOD’S PROMISES ARE \_\_\_\_\_.**

Read *Isaiah 14:32*.

**GOD PROMISES TO DELIVER US TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

God’s promise and provision for us in Jesus is that Jesus will rescue us and bring us to a place of refuge that is safe. Read the great prophecy of *Isaiah 9:1-7* and describe how with Jesus God gives a refuge of safety and hope.

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God’s promises are never late, and are always worth the wait. In Advent we are reminded that the greatest promise he makes in Jesus will come through- and that gives me hope.

## **THIS WEEK:**

- How can I be encouraged that I can wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled for me?
- How can God give me hope this Advent season?

*Next Week: When God Builds a Family”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Preparation*