

Between Darkness and Light
Isaiah 9:1-11

**(v.1) Nevertheless, there will
be no more gloom for those
who were in distress.**

**Nevertheless (Heb.)=“a
ceasing, an end, a finality”.**

**Nevertheless (Gr.)= is used
“after negative sentences”,
and “serves to mark a
transition to something new”
—Thayer’s Greek Lexicon, Abridged.**

“Nevertheless marks a new transition after negative sentences.”

Isaiah 8:21-22 (MSG)
**People who try the other
ways get nowhere—a dead
end! Frustrated and famished,
they try one thing after
another. When nothing works
out they get angry,**

**cursing first this god and then
that one, Looking this way
and that, up, down, and
sideways—and seeing
nothing, A blank wall, an
empty hole. They end up in
the dark with nothing.**

**My NEVERTHELESS will
outshine all your negative
sentences**

**Nevertheless, there will be no
more gloom for those who
were in distress. In the past
he humbled the land of
Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali,**

**but in the future he will honor
Galilee of the nations, by the
Way of the Sea, beyond the
Jordan
—Isaiah 9:1-2**

**I. GOD'S NEVERTHELESS
WILL LIGHT YOUR
DARKNESS (v.2)**

**The people walking in
darkness have seen a great
light; on those living in the
land of deep darkness a light
has dawned. 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.**

**“This is the judgment, that the
light has come into the world,
and men loved the darkness
rather than the light; for their
works were evil”
—John 3:19**

**God's nevertheless is greater
than your negative sentences.**

**II. GOD'S NEVERTHELESS
WILL END YOUR WAR (v.3-5)**

1 Peter 5:8-9

**Be serious! Be alert! Your
adversary the Devil is
prowling around like a roaring
lion, looking for anyone he
can devour.**

Resist him and be firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics[g] of the Devil.

**For our battle is not against
flesh and blood, but against
the rulers, against the
authorities, against the world
powers of this darkness,
against the spiritual forces of
evil in the heavens.**

(v.3) 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.

**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.**

**"Joy [is] that sharp, wonderful
Stab of Longing. It produces
longing that weighs heavy on
the heart, but it does so with
precision and coordination...
It dashes in with the agility of
a hummingbird claiming its
nectar from the flower,**

**and then zips away. It pricks,
then vanishes, leaving a wake
of mystery and longing
behind it."**

—C.S. Lewis

Isaiah 9:6-7

**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.**

**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.**

**“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness, but will
have the light of life.”**

—John 8:12

Luke 22:42

**“Father, if You are willing,
take this cup away from Me—
nevertheless, not My will, but
Yours, be done.”**

**“Master, we have toiled all
night and caught nothing;
nevertheless at Your word I
will let down the net.”
—Luke 5:5**

Matthew 4:12-17

When He heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. He left Nazareth behind and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the sea road, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles! The people who live in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those living in the shadowland of death, light has dawned. From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!"

and for those living in the shadowland of death, light has dawned. From then on

(v.7) The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

“Rejoice, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!”

(v.6, 7) And the government will be on his shoulders. 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

**God's nevertheless outshines
our negative sentences.**