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Promise

OF CHRISTMAS

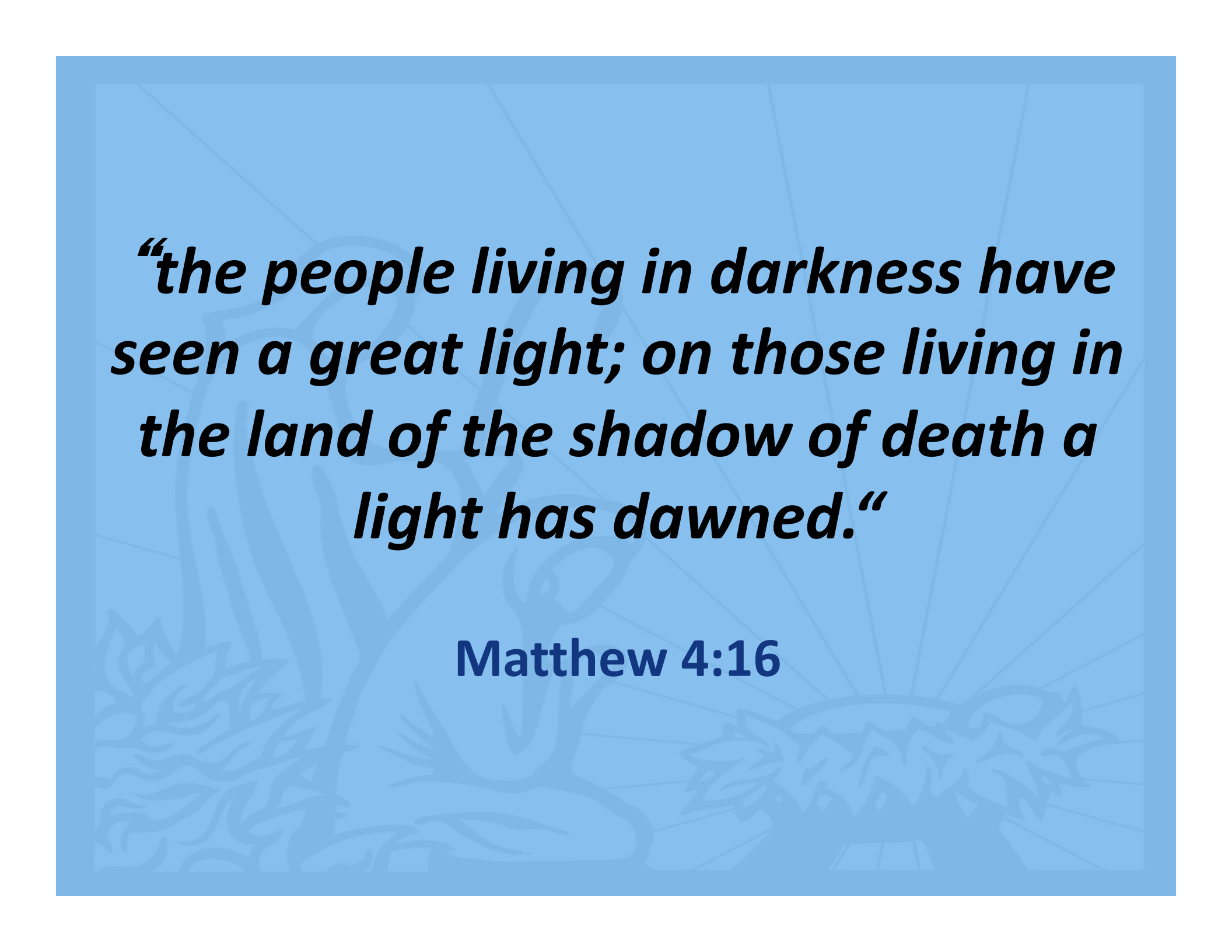




**Promise # 3**  
***God Gives Us Light To  
Live By***

**Isaiah 9:1-2**

**Matthew 4:12-17 Pg 683**



***“the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”***

**Matthew 4:16**

# We Live In A World Of Darkness

*“the people walking in darkness...”*

- Walking: = *to live, dwell, reside*
- Darkness: = *shadiness or obscurity*  
*a metaphor for spiritual darkness*

**Romans 1:28-32**

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# The Consequence Of Living In Spiritual Darkness Is Greater Than Just This Life

*“...living in the land of the shadow of death.”*

- Land: = *a region, place, territory*
- Shadow: = *placed where light blocked*
- Death: = *separation from God*

# Darkness In Bible

- **Jn 1:5** *Doesn't understand light*
- **Jn 3:19** *Men love darkness*
- **Jn 12:46** *We don't have to stay there*
- **1Pe 2:9** *We have been called out*
- **1Jn 1:5** *God has nothing to do with it*
- **1Jn 2:8** *Darkness is passing!*

# Key To Darkness In Bible

***“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”***

***2Cor 4:4***

# The Light Of The World Has Come!

*“...on those living in the land of the shadow of death...a light has dawned!”*

- *Jn 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men!*
- *Jn 1:9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming*
- *Jn 3:19 Light has come into the world*
- *Jn 8:12 I am the light of the world!*
- *Jn 12:46 No one who believes in me stays in darkness!*



# The Promise Of Light

***“I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.”***

***Is 42:16***

# **Light To Live By Is Available To Anyone Who Will Accept It!**

*“...the people living in darkness have seen a  
great light!”*

- Seen: = *to look up; perceive, observe*
- Jn 8:12: *“I am the light of the world!”*

*“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is  
at hand!” vs 17*

## **2 Questions**

***Are you walking in darkness...or  
light today?***

***Do you know someone that needs  
“Light To Live By?”***