

# Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"  
(things God has shown me today)

## The Christ of Advent

During Advent, Jesus is the Promise of the Father.  
*No matter how many promises God has made, they are  
"Yes" in Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV)*

Think of our God, unlimited by time and place,  
all-seeing,  
ever-present.  
Everywhere and all eternity are the domain in which He dwells.  
He is complete and perfect, so He does not change.  
His Word is sovereign. All reality responds to His will.  
He speaks, and it is so.

For this God, His eternal purposes are certain and complete.  
They are not future possibilities.  
They are present reality.

But we are small and fearful, bound by time, creatures of the now.  
We see only ourselves and our tiny sliver of all that is.  
God's greatest blessings are too vast, too broad in time.  
We cannot trace His love and all its magnificent ways.

But our loving Father longs to wrap us in the beautiful certainty of  
all He is and all He does.  
So He makes promises that let us glimpse His love beyond our now.  
His promises assure us of unchanging truth, that  
God will always be who He has always been;  
He will always do what He has always done; and  
He will complete all He has started.

God's promises are not empty words, rosy wishes, or mere intention.  
God's promises describe eternal reality.

And now, God's promises are a Person, a living, human, divine Person  
who embodies all God has done and all He is doing for His children.

During Advent, look to Jesus. He is the Promise of the Father.  
As He is, we will be.

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ANTICIPATION

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly  
come to His temple, even the messenger of  
the covenant, whom ye delight in: Behold,  
He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.  
Malachi 3:1

