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Hebrews 1:1-4

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

Introduction: How does Christmas move from history into your life? That's what God wants for you and each of us. That's why it happened. Philips Brooks offers us a prayer in the classic hymn he wrote during a crisis in his own life: "O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today." This Advent we pray that prayer together and discover what the Bible tells us about how we let God answer it.

Prayer: Father, reveal yourself to us through your holy word as we open it together. Help us to understand you and your plan better so that we have a solid hope ourselves and a desire to share your good news with others. Amen.

Read: Hebrews 1:1-4

Review: Where did you see God breaking into your struggles with his joy? Who were you able to bless this week? Who did you need to be patient with?

Discussion:

1. What did God say to us through the prophets? (Look at Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 61:1-2; 53:5 or any others you may know)
2. This passage speaks about Jesus. How does it describe him? Who is Jesus? What has he done? What is he doing?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus has provided purification for sins?
4. What are ways that you listen to what God is saying to you today?

Application: Spend some time listening to God in the ways you listed in question 4.

Prayer: Thank you Jesus for providing a way for us to be in relationship with you. Help us to listen attentively for your voice in the midst of the noise around us. Amen.