

CHRISTMAS SUNRISE

Luke 1:78-79

The Christmas sunrise delivers hope and help

I. DELIVERING HOPE (v. 78)

A. GOD'S COMPASSION (78a)

1. Motivated by mercy
 - A loving kindness that produces gracious action
2. Moving with tenderness
 - Thoughtfully, carefully, coming to our aid

B. CHRIST'S COMING (78b)

1. A Picture: The Sunrise
 - Something wonderfully exciting, fresh and clean (see Malachi 4:2)
2. His Position: From on high
3. His Purpose: To visit us (see Matthew 1:23, John 1:14 and Hebrews 2:17)

II. DELIVERING HELP (79)

A. SHINING: Illuminating the frightened (79a)

1. The Frightened
 - a. Sitting in darkness
 - b. Sitting in the shadow of death
2. The Illumination: Christ intervenes with light (see John 8:12 and 12:46)

B. GUIDING: Instructing the confused (79b)

1. Directing a course of action ...
2. Into the way of peace
 - a. Being reconciled with God - II Cor. 5:20b-21
 - b. Resting in the assurance of forgiven sin - Rom. 8:1-2

CONCLUSION: Celebrate the Sunrise this Christmas

- The Son who comes from on high
- The Son who give light and direction
- The Son who provides hope and help

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