

## Christmas Reflection

If you have taken a long trip to visit family or friends and driven on that journey through the night, you can remember being surrounded by darkness and unsure of what lies ahead. What is out there? When will you arrive? What will happen when you arrive?

Finally, you reach your journey's end. The sun is rising and you feel it's warmth in the anticipation of homecoming. Your heart is filled with joy at seeing those you love and have longed for. You celebrate with food and drink, laughter and love.

Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..."

Isaiah says, "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing."

Come and share in the Christmas miracle, shepherds, kings, all you fellow travelers. We will find that one Face that we've longed for, our Wonder Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace, in a manger, wrapped warmly and cuddled close to His mother's heart and guarded by His father's love.

We have been assured that this Child, our Christ, will destroy our burdens and smash the rod of our taskmasters. His dominion is vast and peaceful, now and forever.

And we will all make merry and rejoice for our long trip through the darkness is over.

Peace to you this Christmas and always.

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