

Isaiah 2:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Analysis

Isaiah transitions from eschatological vision to present exhortation. 'House of Jacob' emphasizes covenant identity, calling Israel to live according to their future hope. 'Walk in the light of the LORD' contrasts with darkness of sin and judgment. This present-tense application makes eschatology practical—future glory should transform current conduct, a pattern Paul also employs (Romans 13:11-14).

Historical Context

The call to walk in light while surrounded by darkness required countercultural faithfulness. Rather than conforming to surrounding nations' idolatry, Israel should live according to their distinct calling.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does your certainty about Christ's future kingdom affect your daily choices?
2. In what areas do you need to 'walk in the light' rather than conforming to cultural darkness?

Interlinear Text

וְהִיא בְּאָרוֹן הַלְּכָדָן בְּבֵית יְהוָה:
in the light of the LORD of the house of Jacob
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Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 5:8 (Light): For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

1 John 1:7 (Light): But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Luke 1:79 (Light): To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

1 John 1:5 (Light): This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Isaiah 58:1 (Parallel theme): Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Isaiah 2:3 (References Lord): And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Psalms 89:15 (Light): Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

