

# **"GOD AMONG US"**



## **2025-St. John's Bible Challenge**

**"IF YOU ABIDE IN MY WORD, YOU ARE TRULY MY DISCIPLES, AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE." JOHN 8**

### **December 10- Jeremiah 23:1-6**

God will not let anything get in the way of his plan! The decedents of Abraham will be a blessing to the earth! The remnant (Those in Babylonian captivity) will be brought back and the day will come when God will raise up a "Good Shepherd" from the family line of David (check out Matthew chapter 1). The Messianic promise will be fulfilled and God's people will dwell securely and safely! Of course, this fulfillment would come in Jesus! He in his very nature is righteous and he will bestow on his subjects his very own righteousness (Romans 1:16-17)!

### **December 11- Ezekiel 34:11-16**

God comes to the rescue in the person of Jesus! Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and although "the devil prowls around like a roaring lion (I Peter), " we are safe in the care of our Shepherd who came to bring us life and life to the full (John 10). Remarkable words of hope for the present and the future, wouldn't you say? And you know what is especially comforting about this passage? THE SHEPHERD SEEKS US OUT! Immanuel God with us... comes to us- first and foremost!!!! Thanks be to God for that!!

### **December 12- Isaiah 9:2-7**

Familiar words?!?!!! To us a child is born! To us a son is given! He is our prince of peace! This our Jesus- the Christ is the light of the world (John 8)... He is light and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Friends, The Lord is our light and with him our future is bright! Isaiah prophecy clearly demonstrates that God' promise will be fulfilled and an everlasting kingdom will be established! Only light! No darkness! no suffering! no hardship! ONLY PEACE!

### **December 13- Isaiah 53**

The certainty of peace and righteousness would come at great cost though... This promised one and prince of peace would also be for us a suffering servant. After all, God is a God of his word and someone- namely his Son, would have to suffer and die to pay the price of our disobedience, someone- namely his Son, would have to perfectly keep the law in our place. Jesus did just that! Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter. He kept the law, he died and HE ROSE. By his stripes we are healed... we are restored to God, forgiven and free. check out the hymn from our hymnal- "Stricken, smitten and afflicted."

### **December 15- Romans 5:12-17**

Adam was a type of pre-figuring to Christ. Through (one man) Adam came sin and damnation, but through (one man) Jesus- the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADAM would come a new "humanity." Jesus the obedient son of God was born, suffered, died and rose for us! Through him the course of humanity has changed... "We are a new creation" (2 Cor 5:17). We are forgiven and regenerated children of God!

P.S. when translated ADAM means MAN!

### **December 16-Hebrews 1:1-4**

In many and various ways, in the days of old God spoke through the prophets, but now in these last days he has spoken through his SON! Jesus is the fulfilment of all that God promised; he is the fulfillment of all that the prophets declared and pointed to! JESUS IS THE GREAT AMEN!!! Jesus true God and true man from all eternity who was active in creation is still active and very much present in our lives and in this world! He has demonstrated through HIS WORK that he is far superior than any creature and HE IS FOR US!! Nothing better! Don't you agree?

### **December 17-Isaiah 61:1-4**

Jesus not only has prophetic authority to declare the promises of God, but he has the power, the glory and the ability to make it ALL COME TRUE! In His coming, he proclaimed, he set captives free, be loosed those bound! Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever is the very one who makes our every day and every year filled with favor!



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