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Isaiah 60:1-6 (CEB)

Jerusalem's coming radiance

“Looking Around”

There is a **Light Shinning** today...

Have you seen it?



The Present seems fragile.  
The Past seems fresh but far away.  
Who we were is fading into who we aren't anymore.  
What seemed so secure is now a risky slumber and semi awareness.



## That's Life!

The Prophet speaks in the Moments between the Night and the Light.  
The Prophet speaks that the Light beginning to shine is for you/us.  
The Prophet speaks of action while the Light is shining.  
The Prophet speaks the Hope of God to the People of God.

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The Light is to Guide us and to Draw other to us.

Dawn is for the New Day.

Dawn covers what will never be again.

Darkness can be over a great past when we stay there to long.

**60 Arise! Shine! Your light has come;**  
**the LORD's glory has shone upon you.**

<sup>2</sup> Though darkness covers the earth  
and gloom the nations,  
**the LORD will shine upon you;**  
**God's glory will appear over you.**

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## **Arise! Shine!**

A **Divine Creative** Force is expressed  
in these two words being joined together.

A **Divine Happening** is under way.

Get up, **Illumine the moment**, Don't waste this opportunity.

The **Dawn comes** into our situation, but ***shines from within each of us.***





Isaiah 43:18-19

Don't remember the prior things;  
don't ponder ancient history.

<sup>19</sup> **Look!** I'm doing a new thing;  
now it sprouts up;  
don't you recognize it?  
I'm making a way in the desert,  
paths in the wilderness.



**Behold!**

**Be Captivated!**

Don't miss *the moment*

because what was is too close.

Notice *what could be*

rather than what was.

Gaze *upon the idea*

instead of closing the door.

Hold *the moment in place*

resist think to far ahead.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will  
come to your  
Light and  
kings to  
your  
dawning  
radiance.

That's us!  
We are the  
Light!  
We are the  
Hope!

# I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



The only Light  
to Shine  
in this  
world  
is us.

The Christ  
in you is  
Love...not  
judge,  
critical,  
bitter,  
angry...Love!

<sup>4</sup> **Lift up your eyes and look all around:**  
they are all gathered;  
they have come to you.

The Crowd is gathered in our community,  
the search is underway.

Darkness abounds for many:

**searching** for work.  
**moving here**, trying to fit in  
**moving from here**, having not fit in.  
**looking** for friends in crowded rooms.  
**sitting alone**, both old and young.

Yet, the Light Shines...We must see it before we can let it shine in us.

We must see it's need before we can shine on others.

We must open the door of our Heart to others to show our Christ.





<sup>5</sup> Then you  
will see  
and  
be radiant;

your  
heart will  
tremble and  
open wide,



You will know  
that you  
have seen  
the light  
when you  
can't see  
others  
without  
seeing  
the Christ.

**Then you are  
Shining!**