



## Isaiah 60.<sup>1-2</sup>— Meditation

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<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.  
<sup>2</sup>For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
and gross darkness the people:  
but the LORD shall arise upon thee,  
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

In recent years, it has brought me no end of pleasure to see the look of delight that spreads over the face of my grandchildren when they see me, grandpa—whether I am visiting them or they are visiting me. While I am no great man in either appearance or stature or character, their faces seem almost aglow with the joy they feel in seeing me. It is difficult to describe the joy of watching them run to close the space between us and leap into my arms. I think of this every time I read this passage.

Unlike me, God is a Being of great, greater, the greatest appearance and stature and character. I hear the invitation to “Arise, shine, for thy light is come” as being directed at me. God, my light, is coming. He is always coming. He is always ready to enter our lives. The thought of His approach sets my heart to pounding with joy. My face glows with the pleasure of His presence. All darkness is chased away. All is light for “God is light and in him is no darkness at all.”<sup>1</sup>

However brightly my countenance glows at His approach and the prospects of His presence, when He is near, when He has arrived, when He is present, He magnifies the glow a thousand-fold until not only my face by my entire being is warmed and filled with joy beyond words. That is my truth. I hope it is yours too.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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<sup>1</sup> 1 John 1.<sup>5</sup>