

# Brighter Days Ahead

Have you ever felt like you couldn't see the forest for the trees? Or feeling so boxed in until you couldn't see the light of day or feel any hope? If so, your days of gloom probably still prevails despite anything that you could say or do. And even on sunny days when you should see the sun or hear the birds sing, you only feel a gloom of clouds that never dissipate. But I am here to tell you that there are brighter days ahead!

Many patriarchs in the Bible experienced such darkness such as David, Sarah, Joseph, and more. Looking at Numbers 11:11 we hear Moses: *"And Moses said to Jehovah, Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, so that You lay the burden of all this people upon me?"* This lets us know that everyone has their times of needing to see the brighter days.

Lately I have been looking for the "something more" and I believe that includes all of us. You must know that you are special to God and He knows exactly where you are in your walk with Him. He knows your heartbreaks and disappointments, as well as your unfulfilled longing and desires. He is well acquainted with your emotional pain and your struggles with a life that brings much heaviness, but He also wants to bear that load with you. 1 Peter 5:7 says... *"casting all your anxieties, worries, and burdens on him, because he cares for you."* (emphasized) You are so important to God that He has plans to lift you out of your darkness into the brightness of days. Jeremiah recorded God's words saying, *"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me, and I will answer you (Jeremiah 29:11-12 GNB).* God has a plan for your "something more" that brings you out of darkness and gloom into brighter times.

The apostle Paul saw the brightness of God and said, *"at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me (Acts 26:13 ASV).* This brightness was Jesus because Hebrews 1:3 says, *"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."* Let me tell you, Jesus has come, and He is no longer a babe in a manger—He is the Bright and Morning Star. He lives in your heart so that darkness cannot remain. He may have allowed your days to be dark for a moment, but he will not allow it to remain. Look at Isaiah 54:6-7 *"Like a woman whose husband has left her, you were very sad. You were like a young wife left all alone. But the LORD has called you back to him." This is what your God says. For a short time I turned away from you, but with all my love I will welcome you again.* Know that God will not forsake you in the darkness but will call you to come again into His glorious light.

Dear Jesus,

I bless and praise you in your magnificent splendor! I pray that they will feel the warmth of your embrace and the brightness of your glory. I ask that their days of darkness and gloom dissipates with your presence that is greater than the sun. You are for them and not against them. The enemy of their soul has attempted to swallow them up with the darkness of this life, but you would not allow him to do so. I pray that they will lift their face to you in great expectation and believe in their heart that your plans to end their days of agony have arrived. I pray that you give them two delightfully bright days for every day of darkness and gloom they had to endure. May they feel it in their hearts that their time for reaping good things has come! I believe their brighter days are now and I feel that you will continue to pour your love on them until they explode in glorious praise. For sure, You are the Bright and Morning Star that lives forever and ever and loves to bring them joy! Yes, and Amen!

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Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee.  
Isaiah 60:1



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