



## Week 3: Joy Thursday, December 17, 2020

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> ***“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.***

<sup>15</sup> ***“In those days and at that time  
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.***

<sup>16</sup> ***In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
This is the name by which it will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’***

Jeremiah 33:14-16 details a promise God made to Israel and the House of Judah. God declared that He would send someone, a Savior, to rescue His people from an unscrupulous leader who led the people away from God. This someone would be a descendant from the line of David who would rule the land forever. This is a promise of a new King who would be called ***“the Lord Our Righteous Savior”***. And who is this ***“Righteous Savior”***? He is Christ, the Lord.

In this passage of scripture, God shows me that He makes good on His promises. Oh, if only our promises were more than just mere words, oftentimes spoken with no intent of keeping them. Kept promises are important in that it adds credibility to who we are or what we stand for. We can stand on God’s promises with the surety that He means what He says; He will deliver. We can have certainty in the midst of uncertainty.

In anticipating the birth of the Christ child during this season of Advent, I am encouraged that when the imperfections of life arise, or when we are confronted with illnesses of pandemic proportions, we can rely on the promise of God and have hope and unexpected joy borne out by the birth of one small child sent by God the Father to deliver us. ***“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders”***. Who is this child? He is Christ, the Lord. We joyously await you. ✨

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