



SEEK FIRST

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Seek First *throughout* the week.



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For a while, God sends lifeguards.

But no leader, priest, judge, prophet, or
king can ultimately fix what is broken.

In a wild turn of events, a heroic
act that only He saw coming,
God came down Himself.

Isaiah 9:1-7



The yoke became a natural metaphor
in the ancient world for oppression
and political subjugation.



The Assyrians were “masters of political propaganda.”



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“Come to me, take my yoke upon you.”

-Matthew 11:28-29

“The weary and burdened need a mattress or a vacation, not a yoke.”

The question isn't "do I have a yoke?"
The question is "whose yoke do I carry?"

Jesus doesn't invite us to escape.

He's freeing us from every king who
crushes us by becoming the King who
carries the weight himself.

"His yoke is kind and his burden is light. That is, his yoke is a nonyoke, and his burden is a nonburden. What helium does to a balloon, Jesus's yoke does to his followers. **We are buoyed along in life by his endless gentleness and supremely accessible lowliness.**"

-Gentle and Lowly, Dane Ortlund

As we live in obedience to Jesus we
learn from Jesus along the way.



“I have learned to hold all things loosely,
so God will not have to pry them out of
my hands.

-Corrie Ten Boom



“The gospel proclaims that Jesus is King. The great problem is that we as good, twenty-first-century citizens of democracy don’t like kings.”

-Disappearing Church, Mark Sayers

Now confronted with the one true King,
how will we respond?



We who walk in darkness deep
Now see the light of morning
The Mighty God,
the Prince of Peace
A child to us is born



Behold, the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin
Behold the Lamb of God
The life and light of men
Behold the Lamb of God
Who died and rose again
Behold the Lamb of God
who comes to take away our sin



Wanderers in the wilderness
O hear a voice is crying
Prepare the way,
make straight the path
Your King has come to die



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Son of God (Emmanuel)
Son of Man (We praise you)
Behold the Lamb
The hope of man
Behold the Lamb



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