

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Hear the Prophets Talking

Isaiah 9:1-7; 11:1-9; Micah 5:4-5a

♩ = 104

D A7 A9 G9 D D F# G G#°7 D Bb A7 G#

1. Hear the proph - ets talk - ing 'Bout a spe - cial boy. Feel the  
2, 3. He will be our Shep - herd; We will be His sheep. He will

D G7 G7/B D G7/B G7 D D/A D/B D

whole world walk - ing T'ward a spe - cial joy. See the  
be our Rul - er; Kings bow at His feet. Our E -

G7 G7/B D G7/B G7 D D/A D/B D

prom - ise ris - ing! Hope's a - bout to find her voice!  
ter - nal Fa - ther, Might - y God, the Prince of Peace!

A7 A9 G9 G7 D 1 D/A D D.S. 2, 3 D/A D

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REFRAIN

D D7 D/C G7/B

His King - dom is for - ev - er! Death will come no nev - er! Peace

G7 D D/A D G7

and jus - tice have no end! This King will rule the na - tions! Love

D G7 D D/A D/B D

through all cre - a - tion! See the li - on with the lamb! He's the

A7 A9 G9 1 G7 D D/A D D.S.

Lord, Mes - si - ah, Im - man - u - el, the Great I Am!

2 G9 G7 D D/F# G G#°7 D/A A7sus D7

man - u - el, the Great I Am!

TOPICS: Advent; Christmas; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: *He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the Lord His God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.*  
(Micah 5:4-5a, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Hope That Does Not Disappoint

*We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God...And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts.* (Romans 5:2, 5, NIV)

I have tasted it—that pain, that sense of loss when hopes fail. I have known disappointment.

But as false foundations give way, we are forced to dig deeper, to reassess, to refocus and refine our hope by remembering what is Rock and what is not, what will hold firm and what time will wash away.

God's people in Old Testament times learned about such disappointment. They trusted many things: their promised homeland; their national resources; the Temple, their symbol of status in God's sight. They hoped in His blessings rather than in Him. But as all these were burned away in the fires of judgment, the hopes of the faithful were purified and refocused. Their eyes were lifted higher and higher until finally fixed on One Man—the Chosen One, the Servant of God, the Messiah—who would fulfill all God's plans for His people and the hopes of all the ages.

I have shared their disappointment, and their sin. In times of prosperity I have gradually grown to look in other directions for security, meaning, and hope. Resting in success, a comfortable lifestyle, and familiar relationships, I have clung to God's blessings rather than to Him. Taking gifts He intended as *means* to glorify Him, I have made them *ends*, glorifying myself. They have become convenient substitutes for depending on Him day by day.

But when one such substitute crumbles, or even wavers, I sense my vulnerability. I feel my foolishness and turn again to my Father—He who so patiently and fervently pursues my deepest affections and my trust.

Father, forgive me. Purify and refocus my hopes—not just the big ones, but the small ones that drive my daily energies. Remove the distractions and substitutes from my eyes, from my heart, until my hopes are fixed on You—You, my Everlasting God, my Patient Forgiver, my Creator, my Companion, my Sovereign Lord.

*Those who hope in me will not be disappointed.* (Isaiah 49:23, NIV)