



LISTENING GUIDE

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The Anticipation of Hope

Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-6

As we enter the Advent season today, we begin preparing our hearts to celebrate what really matters—the birth of Jesus. This time of preparation involves waiting and eager anticipation. Let's examine our passage, then, to discover what it teaches us about *the anticipation of hope* that is connected to Jesus' birth.

Notice, this anticipation of hope includes...

I. The Promise of _____ (vv.1-7)

- This includes two orders:
 1. The _____ order (vv.1-2, 6b-7)
 2. The _____ order (vv.3-6a)
- See *Matthew 11:2-6*

II. The Path of the _____ (vv.8-10)

- The *travelers* on this highway: The *redeemed* (v.9) and the *ransomed* (v.10)