

Anchoring your soul every day

Christmas Traditions – David and Cherylyn Hegg

We know it can be so hard to find time each day to take care of your relationship with the Lord. We want to make it easier for you, if we can. We suggest taking one of these thoughts at a time, or even just do part of one, when you can. We hope this will help you experience the hope of your relationship with Jesus as your soul's anchor every day.

- ❖ Read Isaiah 8:20-9:7. How does Isaiah's description of gloom turned to light because of the coming of the promised Son help us understand the impact of Jesus' coming to earth? How has that impacted you, personally?
- ❖ Read Luke 2:1-21. What are some of the things said about Jesus in this text that remind you of what Isaiah promised He would bring in the previous passage?
 - This account includes descriptions of a poor couple, shepherds, angels and the Lord of Glory. What aspect(s) of this is/are most encouraging to you?
- ❖ Read John 1:1-18. John doesn't describe Jesus' birth, though he does important details about who Jesus is. What does he say about Jesus' coming as a man that can help you put the right focus on your Christmas season?

Spend time in prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus to live, die and be raised for our sakes, so that we can have eternal life in Him. Thank Him that we can freely and openly celebrate the birth of our Savior. Ask Him to help you see how you can share the wonderful truth of Jesus with those around you who have not yet committed their lives to Jesus in faith. Ask Him to increase your joy, hope and peace at this season and all through the year, knowing you are loved by the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

