

# REFLECTION

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## Advent week 2

Isaiah 11:6-10

This section from Isaiah gives us a lovely picture of a period when harmony and peace would prevail and the natural order will return to its rightful splendor. Animals that usually eat each other will live together harmoniously. This is undoubtedly God's promise of peace upon the establishment of His full reign.

We live in a time of violence, deception, and terror. Hence, it would seem impossible for predators and prey to coexist together. However, Isaiah's vision serves as a reminder that God's kingdom is based on the justice, wisdom, and loyalty of the Messiah rather than on human might or politics. Isaiah describes a "holy mountain" that is more than just a location; it is the actuality of God's presence, where nothing is destroyed or harmed. This peace is the return of all creation to its intended harmony rather than just the absence of conflict. And as Christ transforms us to live without fear, resentment, or animosity, that peace must start in our heart.

For us, this text represents a call as well as a promise. As citizens of that future kingdom, we are called to live in the present as peacemakers, bridge builders, and individuals who will not allow fear to control our relationships. Moreover, we are living examples of Isaiah's vision when we extend forgiveness, welcome strangers, and choose compassion above judgment. During this Advent, one might consider "where in my life do I need to embrace reconciliation and let go of hostility? And how can I be a symbol of God's peace in my world, family, and community?"