



# Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the  
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## Recompense



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### Scripture: **Isaiah 35:3-4**

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

### Reflection

The definition of 'recompense' is make amends to (someone) for loss or harm suffered; compensate (as a verb) or compensation or reward given for loss or harm suffered or effort made. (as a noun). This passage from Isaiah tells us that God will come to make amends for those you have suffered, how does this sit with you as we wait the Messiah?

### To Listen

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear by Edmund H. Sears (especially verse 3)