

A wooden chair with a piece of old, stained fabric draped over the backrest, set against a black background. The fabric is light-colored with dark stains and frayed edges. The chair is made of dark wood and has a simple, rustic design. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the wood and fabric.

A REVERSAL OF FORTUNES

EXPRESSING EMOTION



NOT LIKE ME...



MORE LIKE ME...

BRIGHTEN UP!

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IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, THERE ARE SEVERAL WORDS FOR “JOY”. SOME ARE USED TO DESCRIBE AN EXPRESSION OF EMOTION SUCH AS “REJOICING”, BUT THE ONE MOST FREQUENTLY USED DESCRIBES A STATE OF BEING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP EXPERIENCES WHEN THEIR NEGATIVE FORTUNES HAVE BEEN REVERSED... A BRIGHTENING UP OR THE EASING OF A BURDEN... A SENSE OF RELIEF.



THE RESCUER

ISAIAH 9:1-7

THE PEOPLE
WALKING
IN DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A

GREAT
LIGHT

ISAIAH 9:2

FOR YOU WILL
BREAK THE YOKE
OF THEIR SLAVERY AND
LIFT THE HEAVY BURDEN
FROM THEIR SHOULDERS.

YOU WILL BREAK
THE OPPRESSOR'S ROD,
JUST AS YOU DID WHEN YOU DESTROYED THE
ARMY OF MIDIAN. THE BOOTS OF THE WARRIOR &
THE UNIFORMS BLOODSTAINED BY WAR
WILL ALL BE BURNED.
THEY WILL BE FUEL FOR THE FIRE.

- ISAIAH 9:4-5 -

MARY'S JOY

LUKE 1:46-51




OH, HOW MY SOUL PRAISES THE LORD. HOW MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR! FOR HE TOOK NOTICE OF HIS LOWLY SERVANT GIRL, AND FROM NOW ON ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED. FOR THE MIGHTY ONE IS HOLY, AND HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME.

HE SHOWS MERCY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION TO ALL WHO FEAR HIM. HIS MIGHTY ARM HAS DONE TREMENDOUS THINGS!

- LUKE 1:46-51 -

TRADING PLACES

LUKE 1:51-54



**ALL THOSE WHO
EXALT THEMSELVES
WILL BE HUMBLED,
AND THOSE WHO
HUMBLE THEMSELVES
WILL BE EXALTED**

Luke 14:11

THE HUMBLE

“GOD HAS EXALTED WITH DIGNITY.”

THE HUNGRY

“GOD HAS FILLED WITH GOOD THINGS.”

THE HELPLESS

“GOD HAS GIVEN HELP.”

THE PROUD

“GOD HAS SCATTERED.”

THE POWERFUL

“GOD HAS BROUGHT DOWN LOW.”

THE PROSPEROUS

**“GOD HAS SENT AWAY WITH
NOTHING IN THEIR HANDS.”**

GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

LUKE 2:8-14

DO NOT BE AFRAID. I BRING YOU
**GOOD NEWS THAT WILL
CAUSE GREAT JOY FOR
ALL THE PEOPLE.**

TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID
**A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN
TO YOU; HE IS THE
MESSIAH, THE LORD...**

...GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN,
AND ON EARTH

**PEACE TO THOSE ON
WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.**

- LUKE 2 -

