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So help me God



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In a very real sense, the Christian community lives in Advent all the time. . . . The disappointment, brokenness, suffering, and pain that characterize life in this present world is held in dynamic tension with the promise of future glory that is yet to come. In that Advent tension, the church lives its life.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon
him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the
LORD.

v. 2

And his delight shall be in the fear of the
LORD.

v. 3a

Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. **20**
For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.

John 5:19-20

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the
poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the
earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod
of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill
the wicked. . . .

*Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

vv. 3b-5

*. . . for the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.*

*In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand
as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the
nations inquire, and his resting place shall be
glorious.*

vv. 10-11



C.S. Lewis

... Christians also need to be reminded... that what became fact was a myth, that it carries with it into the world of fact all the properties of a myth. . . . We must not be ashamed of the mythical radiance resting on our theology. .



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For this is the marriage of heaven and earth: perfect myth and perfect fact: claiming not only our love and our obedience, but also our wonder and delight, addressed to the savage, the child, and the poet in each one of us no less than to the moralist, the scholar, and the philosopher.