

# Opening Prayer: Psalm 63

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<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

<sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

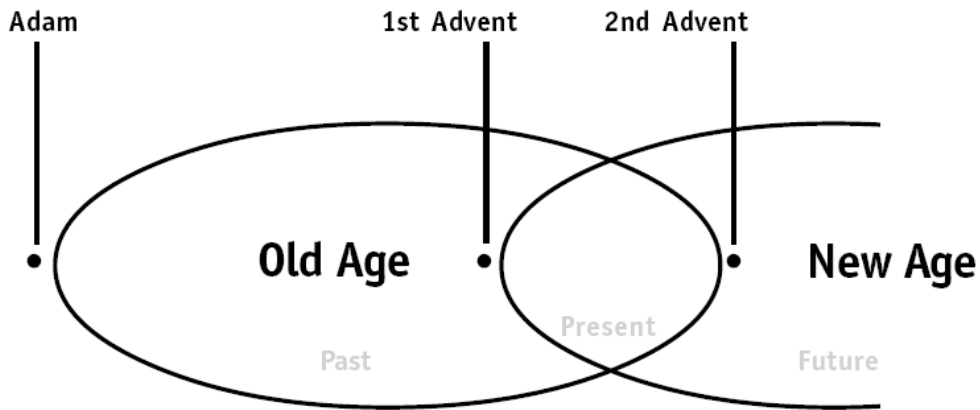
## Benediction: Hebrews 1:1, 2; 13:20, 21

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<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# The New Point of View



## Life in the Old Age/ Aeon

- Law, sin, wrath, death
- People of Promise/  
Israel as Chosen  
(old covenant)
- ABRAHAM: antici-  
pation of coming  
age: faith, hope
- Reality of evil and  
suffering

## Life in the New Age/ Aeon

- Faith, hope, life,  
reconciliation
- The inauguration of  
the Kingdom
- Cross as the doorway
- CHURCH: People of  
Promise  
(new covenant)
- Anticipation of  
Kingdom coming  
in its fullness
- Presence of the Spirit

## Life with God in/ Fullness

- Final defeat of evil  
and suffering
- Resurrection and  
judgment
- God's visible rule
- Eternal life in the  
Kingdom