

Redemption of Scrooge
The Redeeming Light of Christmas
December 23-27, 2025

Daily Devotional for December 23: Awakening from Darkness

Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

God declares, "I am about to do a new thing." Like Scrooge awakening to a transformed life, we too can experience divine renewal. The past may have hardened our hearts, but God specializes in creating streams in the desert of our souls. This Christmas season, consider what spiritual chains bind you—bitterness, regret, isolation. God doesn't want you to suffer in darkness until you're shaken awake. Instead, Christ came as morning light breaking into our night. Where have you been blind to your own need for transformation? God sees not the worst of who you've been, but the best of who you can become. Today, ask God to reveal one area where you need renewal, and trust that He is already making a way.

Daily Devotional for December 24: The Weight We Carry

Reading: Galatians 5:1

"For freedom Christ has set us free." Marley's chains represented the weight of a life lived for self alone—every selfish act adding another link. We too forge chains: unforgiveness, materialism, pride, fear. These burdens weren't meant to be carried into eternity or even into tomorrow. Christ came specifically to break these bonds. The miracle of Christmas is that God looks at our self-made prisons and offers the key. You don't have to wait for three spirits to visit you in the night. Jesus has already visited earth for your liberation. What chains are you dragging today? Name them honestly before God. The good news is that our future is not held back by our past. Christ eliminates the barriers we construct. Stand firm in the freedom already purchased for you.

Daily Devotional for December 25: Living in Past, Present, and Future

Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

Paul declared that everything he once valued was "rubbish" compared to knowing Christ. Scrooge's transformation required him to integrate the lessons of past, present, and future—not to dwell in any single moment, but to let all three inform his new life. We often get stuck: imprisoned by past regrets, distracted by present circumstances, or anxious about future uncertainties. But Christ invites us to a different way. Honor your past by learning from it. Embrace your present by living fully awake. Shape your future by choosing love today. The spirits of all three can "strive within you" not as ghosts haunting you, but as dimensions of grace teaching you. What lesson from your past needs integration? What present opportunity requires your attention? What future hope calls you forward? Christ holds all three together.

Daily Devotional for December 26: The Dark Night Before Dawn

Reading: Psalm 30:5

"Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." The darkest part of Scrooge's journey came just before his redemption—confronting his own death and the pain he'd caused. Sometimes God allows us to face our darkness not as punishment, but as preparation for transformation. The "dark redeeming night of the soul" strips away our illusions and pretenses. It's uncomfortable, even terrifying, but necessary. You may be in that dark night now, wondering if dawn will ever come. Hold on. Christmas promises that light enters our deepest darkness. A child was born in the night, in a humble stable, to people who had nowhere else to go. That's where God meets us—in our lowest moments. Your dark night is not abandonment; it's the labor pain before new birth. Dawn is coming. Joy is coming. Transformation is coming.

Daily Devotional for December 27: Keeping Christmas All Year Long

Reading: Luke 2:10-11, 19-20

Scrooge's pledge—"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year"—captures the true spirit of the season. Christmas isn't just December 25th; it's a way of living. The angels announced "good news of great joy for all people," not just for one day. Mary "treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart"—she lived with Christmas awareness daily. How do we keep Christmas all year? By remembering that Christ came so we need not face darkness alone. By living as new creations rather than old patterns. By seeing others as God sees them—deserving of love despite their flaws. By allowing God's continuous transformation in our lives. This week, as Christmas approaches, make Scrooge's pledge your own. Don't let Christmas be merely a holiday; let it be your ongoing reality. God is continually doing something new. Live awake to that miracle every single day.