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Isaiah 2:2-5

I am a Bible reader, but I needed some help with meaning that is relevant and understandable for Advent, the preparation for the Christ child. Let's begin with verse 2 where mountains are often depicted as nations in scripture. Christ will be the highest of all, higher and greater than all the nations of men. In verse 3 we can be confident that Jesus will teach us His ways. To know His ways now in this life can be increased by reading scripture, experiencing the weekly teaching in church, and fellowship with other Christians to encourage them in the ways of Jesus.

Since I am well into the last quarter of my earthly life, I am grateful for God's promise of eternal life for the ultimate sacrifice Christ gave for my sins. As we begin Advent let us be a transformed community in true obedience to God following His commandments and asking for forgiveness when we fall short. Verse 5 concludes with the promise of peace, obedience, and absence of sin. Our eternal reward awaits us, but we can reap the benefits of applying God's word to our lives every day.

Lord, we thank you for the good news and greatest gift and subsequent sacrifice of your son, Jesus, the one and only Christ. May joy, peace, and love permeate and be evident in our lives as we pursue only You and not the exhausting ways of this world in preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus.

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