**SERMON SHEET 12/3/23**

**First Sunday of Advent 2023**

**“The Sad Plight of Darkness Dwellers”**

**Text: Isaiah 8:11 – 9:2**

I. Introduction

II. The theological reason for the existence of the darkness – Romans 5:12

III. The basic characteristics of those who dwell in the darkness

1. They fear the wrong things (v. 12).
2. They will be broken by the rock of Christ (vs. 14-15).
3. They miss out on the blessing of God’s presence (v. 17).
4. They seek wisdom in the wrong places (v. 19).
5. They have no hope of a new beginning (v. 20).
6. They are greatly distressed and hungry (v. 21).
7. They blame their leaders and God for their distress (v. 21).
8. They worship the creature rather than the Creator (v. 22).

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. James M. Boice:

* *The point is not that all people sin, though they do, but rather that Adam stood for them so that, when he sinned, not only was Adam judged, but mankind was judged, too. It is because Adam sinned that sin and death passed upon all*.
* *Our only hope of salvation is that we may be judged in Christ. If we were like the angels who are entities in themselves… then there would be no hope for us. But because we have been judged in Adam, we may also be judged in Christ and be acquitted.*

2. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones:

*It is our union with Adam that accounts for all our trouble*.

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **John 1:9**
* **Rom. 5:12**
* **Ps. 51:5**
* **Luke 1:51-53**
* **John 8:12**