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How do you choose the perfect gift for someone you love?

Questions to ask

- **What do they need?**
- **What don't they have?**
- **What is good for them?**
- **What have I already promised them?**
- **Will it last?**
- **Can I afford it?**
- **What will be the effect if I do not give this gift?**

The Context

Sennacherib, (show picture)

“shut up like a bird in a cage”.

The Promise

verse 1 – hope in the face of gloom

“A light is coming to people in darkness.”

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Verse 2

- an increase in their nation,
- joy in their hearts
- reap what is planted.

Verse 4

- the rod that brings oppression will be shattered.

Verse 6 - a baby

- Wonderful counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of peace.
- establish and uphold justice and righteousness for all eternity.

‘Lord of the rings’ (picture)

Lachish (show map)

... trust God.

Mathew 4:14 ... Jesus is the one who is about to fulfil this promise.

1) God is faithful to his promise

So trust God more.

2) He meets our deepest need

“what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his life”

1 Peter 1:3, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his great mercy he has offered us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish spoil or fade kept in heaven for you”

3) The ball is in our court

Everyone must make a response to Jesus

If you are unsure ... check out the facts

If you have already accepted ... grow in your trust of God, your saviour.