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# For To Us A Child Is Born - Isaiah 9:1-7

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those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

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as with joy at the harvest,  
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and the staff for his shoulder,  
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you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

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to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



## Introduction and Background

- have you ever been afraid of the dark? Well, you are not alone!
- “Why Some People Never Grow Out of a Fear of the Dark”, By Cari Romm, addresses some of the reasons why people are afraid of the dark.

*The reason: It's not the darkness itself that's frightening. It's the fear of what the darkness masks. The dark leaves us vulnerable and exposed, unable to spot any threats that may be lurking nearby. For much of human history, dark meant danger, and fearing it meant taking precautions to stay safe.*

*But it's a shockingly common fear among adults, too ...*

*As they age, people typically learn to disregard that link in everyday life. Darkness can up the spook factor of a novel situation, but most of us eventually become comfortable enough to ditch the night-light in their own homes. Not all, though: In one 2012 U.K. survey, nearly 40 percent of respondents said they were afraid to walk around the house with the lights off. In fact, 10 percent said that they wouldn't even get out of bed to use the bathroom in the middle of the night. And in one small study, around half of the participants who characterized themselves as “poor sleepers” also admitted to being afraid of the dark.*

- now we might laugh at such a \_\_\_\_\_, because there is nothing to fear of in the dark
- but the \_\_\_\_\_ that we hear about in the book of Isaiah was something to \_\_\_\_\_
- the Lord was \_\_\_\_\_ with Israel because of their many and serious \_\_\_\_\_
- the Lord was also angry with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel who had done some outrageous things!
  
- but there is also great \_\_\_\_\_ in this passage!
- we go from darkness to \_\_\_\_\_
- we go from doom to \_\_\_\_\_
- we go from a bad king to the promise of the faithful Messiah who is a “Wonderful Counselor, \_\_\_\_\_ God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”

- today we are in the book of Isaiah which is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ books in our Bible!
- the prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_ takes place during the reign of numerous \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 1:1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

- Isaiah writes the prophecy during same \_\_\_\_\_ period that 2 Kings 15-20 describes
- although there were some bright \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of Israel during this time, it was a time of serious rebellion against the \_\_\_\_\_

- in Isaiah 1-5, \_\_\_\_\_ speaks during the reign of Uzziah
- but in Isaiah 6:1 there is a change in the kingship of \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 6:1** In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, \_\_\_\_\_ and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

- Uzziah had died and that allowed for the opportunity for Jotham and then Ahaz to reign in Judah
- it is thought that Isaiah 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ about the reign of Ahaz
- what made the reign of Ahaz so terrible?
- 2 Kings 16 helps us understand what \_\_\_\_\_ of King Ahaz was!

**2 Kings 16:2-4** Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And he did not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD his God, as his father David had done,<sup>3</sup> but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even burned his son as an offering, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.<sup>4</sup> And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

- sacrificing and burning his child to a false god certainly does not make Ahaz the king or the parent of the year
- furthermore he led Israel into \_\_\_\_\_

- in 2 Kings 16:10-11 Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest to make an altar identical to the \_\_\_\_\_ that was found in Assyria

- King Ahaz sacrificed his offerings on this altar in complete \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord
- we know that it was because of this \_\_\_\_\_ that Judah and the people of God were punished

- no wonder Isaiah writes this about Ahaz's reign and the condition of Israel:

**Isaiah 8:22** And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the \_\_\_\_\_ of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick \_\_\_\_\_.

- but there is great \_\_\_\_\_ not only for Israel but for everyone who is listening today!
- we see this \_\_\_\_\_ hope in Isaiah 9:1-7

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### 2) 9:4-5 Defeated Enemies

### 3) 9:6-7 Divine King

### 1) 9:1-3 Darkness to Light

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- Isaiah pronounces that there will be no more \_\_\_\_\_ for her (that is the people of God) who are in anguish
- in this verse we see a contrast between the "former \_\_\_\_\_" and the "\_\_\_\_\_ time"
- this is similar to what we have talked about in the past where we have a "\_\_\_\_\_ once were" and the "\_\_\_\_\_ now you"
- in Colossians and other passages in the New Testament we have a "\_\_\_\_\_ Christ" and a "\_\_\_\_\_ Christ"
- Paul talks about our \_\_\_\_\_ condition and its consequences and then explains the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

- it is the same here in this passage, we have a \_\_\_\_\_ time where there was contempt and a \_\_\_\_\_ time when there is restoration

- what was this contempt that Isaiah was speaking about in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Zebulun and Naphtali?
- first, Zebulun and Naphtali were children of Jacob
- these two children and their descendants were given an inheritance in the promise land
- but their inheritance was in the northern part of the \_\_\_\_\_ land
- this made their inheritance vulnerable because their promised land bordered the \_\_\_\_\_ Assyrians who would later take them into \_\_\_\_\_
- to make matters worse, the Assyrians settled their own \_\_\_\_\_ in these northern parts of the promised \_\_\_\_\_

- we read about this in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ Kings

**2 Kings 15:29** In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and captured Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and he carried the people \_\_\_\_\_ to Assyria.

- to be taken from your homeland, have your community leadership destroyed, and to be moved to a foreign nation would have been a serious \_\_\_\_\_
- so they experienced \_\_\_\_\_, anguish and contempt
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord promises something amazing here!
- the Lord will bring glory to this situation or make things glorious
- the Lord will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to a land that has been \_\_\_\_\_, rebellious and exiled from the promised land!

(9:2) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

- to walk in "\_\_\_\_\_" refers to people who are living in darkness
- to live in darkness means that not only are you \_\_\_\_\_ in sin, but you are living with the consequences of your \_\_\_\_\_
- but there is great \_\_\_\_\_ for those who are in darkness
- but, please see that the \_\_\_\_\_ that is offered is not given to those who are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ their way to bring salvation to themselves
- they see this "great \_\_\_\_\_" by the grace of God
- those dwell in deep \_\_\_\_\_ a light shines on them
- although \_\_\_\_\_ is not a place where anyone wants to be, darkness is the \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord works!
- the Lord shines \_\_\_\_\_ into darkness
- this light of course refers to the Lord and His \_\_\_\_\_!

**Psalm 27:1** *Of David.* The LORD is my \_\_\_\_\_ and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be \_\_\_\_\_?

- we see this act of \_\_\_\_\_ of God shining light into darkness during creation
- Genesis 1:2-3** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be \_\_\_\_\_," and there was light.
- but we also see the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ to shine \_\_\_\_\_ into darkness in the miracle of salvation

**2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our \_\_\_\_\_ to give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- later on in Isaiah we hear about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord that shines in darkness which is referring to God's \_\_\_\_\_ given to the people of God
- Isaiah 60:1-3** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his \_\_\_\_\_ will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> And nations shall \_\_\_\_\_ to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- humans are held in darkness because of sin, but thanks be to God, we can have \_\_\_\_\_ and life through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ!

(9:3) You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

- not only does the Lord give light to people in darkness but the Lord gives \_\_\_\_\_ to people who are in \_\_\_\_\_

- do you see the emphasis here in this verse? It is \_\_\_\_\_.

- God \_\_\_\_\_ the joy of Israel and caused them to rejoice with joy and made them glad

- there is a whole lot of joy in this \_\_\_\_\_

- the Lord multiplies this nation meaning that they increase in population?

- the Lord brings \_\_\_\_\_ to this nation

- here are two situations that illustrate joy!

1) the joy of harvest

- since we see so little agriculture in our society we fail to see the joy that gathering the \_\_\_\_\_ used to bring

- when you farm for a living, and have no other income, you see just how important the gathering of the crop is

- I remember when I lived in Southern Ontario, it was looking like it was going to be a drought year and the \_\_\_\_\_ were not looking good

- but the rain came and the \_\_\_\_\_ were celebrating

- they \_\_\_\_\_ even more that year when the corn, beans and wheat were gathered in?

2) the joy of plunder

- after an army defeated their enemies they took \_\_\_\_\_, or the enemies stuff, for themselves

- this "plunder" benefited the winning \_\_\_\_\_ and their wealth and resources increased which, of course, made them \_\_\_\_\_

- the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ their joy because He has brought light to their \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) 9:4-5 Defeated Enemies

**(9:4) For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.**

- in this verse we see the oppression of \_\_\_\_\_ symbolized in \_\_\_\_\_ disciplinary objects the original audience would understand

- we see a \_\_\_\_\_ of burden

- a yoke, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is a frame fitted to a person's shoulders to carry a load in two equal portions

- this was a very oppressive way to work

- but the Lord breaks this yoke symbolizing the release from a burden?

- the two other words "staff" and "rod" were sometimes used to discipline people who were not working hard enough

- so imagine you are not free and you are being beaten by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with the intention of getting you to \_\_\_\_\_ harder

- this is a very oppressive situation, but the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them from oppression!

- although currently Israel is oppressed, they will be \_\_\_\_\_ just like in the day of Midian

- here Isaiah is pointing them back to the \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance of Gideon over Midian

- we see this great act of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord accomplished in Judges 6-8!

- Gideon defeated the vast \_\_\_\_\_ of the Midianites with just \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers!

(9:5) For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

- we see here that the \_\_\_\_\_ of these enemies is like the Day of Midian
- the \_\_\_\_\_ of God will be burned
- those who are oppressing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God will be defeated by the power of the Lord!

### 3) 9:6-7 Divine King

(9:6) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

- how does the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ joy, light and deliverance?
- by giving the \_\_\_\_\_ of a child!
- note the phrase "to us" is used \_\_\_\_\_
- this means that the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ to His people this \_\_\_\_\_ of a child!

- Isaiah already talked about this \_\_\_\_\_ in Isaiah 7!

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a \_\_\_\_\_, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- God gives His people a child and the gift of this child is a \_\_\_\_\_
- He will be the Messiah (or God's anointed one)
- Isaiah prophesies that a \_\_\_\_\_ will conceive and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be called Immanuel – which means God with us!

- this points us to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ

**Matthew 1:20-21** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

- the government will be on the shoulder of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ this means that Jesus will be a ruling \_\_\_\_\_ and all governments will rule under His sovereign control
- I know many people have more \_\_\_\_\_ of the government than they do of any illness right now, but they have not realized that Jesus carries these governments on his shoulder

and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- this Messiah is given \_\_\_\_\_ names!

#### 1) Wonderful Counselor

- as we saw in 2 Kings, King Ahaz was \_\_\_\_\_ wise in his counsel at all
- he specifically guided the \_\_\_\_\_ to build pagan altars and murdered his child
- but Jesus gives \_\_\_\_\_ counsel and discerning \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 2:3 says that \_\_\_\_\_ the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in the Lord Jesus Christ

#### 2) Mighty God

- this phrase "\_\_\_\_\_ God" refers to the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Jesus is the mighty God
- Colossians 1:15-20 speaks this truth!
  - i. Jesus is supreme over \_\_\_\_\_ – He is the eternal, all powerful creator
  - ii. Jesus is supreme over the \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the head of the church
  - iii. Jesus is supreme over \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus brings reconciliation by making peace through His blood shed upon the Cross

- Jesus indeed is the \_\_\_\_\_ God!

### 3) Everlasting Father

- this reminds us of the \_\_\_\_\_ rule of the line of David
- Jesus has been reigning and will \_\_\_\_\_ reign

### 4) Prince of Peace

- remember that Israel had experienced oppression and trials resulting from the impact of the sins of Ahaz during his reign
- but Jesus brings peace
- Jesus makes peace possible because of His work upon the cross

- our sin has \_\_\_\_\_ hostility

- but Jesus, because He made peace by the blood of His \_\_\_\_\_, He is the Prince of \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 11:20)

**(9:7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

- there will be no end to the reign or the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ
- the Messiah who is Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ with justice and righteousness!

## Application

### 1) The Reality of Sin

- the media tries to make \_\_\_\_\_ look so exciting
  - do you ever see beer commercials?
  - the advertisers make drinking beer out to be the most exciting thing you can ever do
  - as soon as you crack that bottle open a party breaks out on the screen
  - but how media advertises their products does not add up to reality
- sin is just plain darkness and \_\_\_\_\_ so do not buy the lie that rebellion against God \_\_\_\_\_ to happiness
- the sin of Israel led to not only extreme \_\_\_\_\_, which you can read in the book of Lamentations, but also to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a nation
- the best Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ you can give yourself is to acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ about yourself
- see your \_\_\_\_\_ for what it really is and see that in the end it only brings \_\_\_\_\_ and doom
- I have had the unfortunate opportunity to try and \_\_\_\_\_ friends who have had their marriages break up over the last few years
- the one thing I realize is that no one ever \_\_\_\_\_ they had sinned more in their marriage or had brought more \_\_\_\_\_ and gloom to their life!
- that just never happens
- but let us be \_\_\_\_\_ about ourselves and our sin
- let us be honest, as well, about the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of sin

### 2) Praise the Lord, God Has Given Us His Son!

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come Let earth \_\_\_\_\_ her King!  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the world! The Savior reigns Let men their songs employ*

- a child has been given to us who \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) light from darkness
- 2) joy from gloom
- 3) gladness from despair
- this is what Christ has \_\_\_\_\_!
- we are going to have another Covid Christmas this year and that is OK because our Savior reigns
- the Prince of Peace will reign and bring peace!
- the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, who is Jesus, will \_\_\_\_\_ into darkness and give life
- Listen to some of the verses from the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_, that were written to exalt Christ, as we think about the " \_\_\_\_\_ " that the Lord shines in darkness!

**John 1:4-5** In him was \_\_\_\_\_, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**John 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**John 12:46** I have come into the \_\_\_\_\_ as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

- Christian, Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ you from darkness!
- let us walk in \_\_\_\_\_ and let us walk in the light of the Word of God!
- let us be a people who delight in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- but let us, as well, put to \_\_\_\_\_ the deeds of darkness to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord!

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