

Morning Sermon Outline December 7, 2014
"Prophecy of the KING of Kings" Isaiah 9:1-7

I. A prophecy of Light ... Isaiah 9:1-2

Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who *is* distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. (Isaiah 9:1-2 NKJ)

1. A specific prophecy, naming a specific place, "The Land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali ... "Galilee of the Gentiles"
 - A. These are the places Jesus lived, walked and ministered most
 - B. These are remote from Jerusalem
 - C. These were dark places, spiritually and morally, places looked down upon –

They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." (John 7:52 NKJ)

The Pharisees who made the John 7:52 claim regarding "Galilee" must have missed or misunderstood Isaiah 9 – Nazareth was also in Galilee –

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (John 1:45-46 NKJ)

- D. These were the places from which the Canaanites were not driven out –

³⁰ Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, (Judges 1:30 NKJ)

³³ Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, (Judges 1:33 NKJ)

2. These verses are obviously fulfilled in Christ –

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:¹⁵ "The land of

Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." (Matthew 4:13-16 NKJ)

3. These verses speak of EXCEEDING GREAT BLESSINGS:

Light comes to a dark, gloomy, deep shadowed place –

- A. Light here represents CHEER, the bringing of JOY – to a place marked by gloom (our saying is gloom and doom)

, Upon them a light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy;

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine; you make me happy, when skies are gray ..."

- B. Light here also pictures for us enlightenment, the revealing of things hidden (in the darkness of ignorance)

Galilee was not known as a place of LEARNING / yet it was the classroom for the first leaders (teachers) of Christ's Church –

Christ's Apostles (Disciples) were known as "Men of Galilee"

who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11 NKJ)

Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? (Acts 2:7 NKJ)

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13 NKJ)

Jesus / God gets the credit, the glory when light (teaching) comes to dark places, to humble people – Corinth was probably WORSE than Galilee –

²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. (1Corinthians 1:26-29 NKJ)

- C. Here LIGHT also refers to deliverance from a moral / spiritual darkness - ² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light;

Our "walk" speaks about how we live, walking in darkness implies: –

- *Walking in ignorance -*

They do not know, nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. (Psalm 82:5 NKJ)

- *Walking in places of disease and dangers -*

Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, (Psalm 91:6 NKJ)

- *Walking away from righteousness -*

From those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; (Proverbs 2:13 NKJ)

- *Walking foolishly -*

The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness... (Ecclesiastes 2:14 NKJ)

*Darkness is something enlightened people desire deliverance FROM - Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness!*¹⁰ *We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.*¹¹ *We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us.*¹² *For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them:*¹³ *In transgressing and lying against the LORD, And departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. (Isaiah 59:9-13 NKJ)*

II. *A Prophecy of Increase, Joy and Peace – Isaiah 9:3-5*

You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.⁴ **For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.**⁵ **For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. (Isaiah 9:3-5 NKJ)**

1. *Multiplied – in numbers, the bringing in of the Gentiles*

2. *Increased Joy*

A. *Harvest Joy / B. Victory Joy*

3. *End of war and oppression / obviously not all of this was fulfilled in the first century*

A. *The oppression of Midian :4 was a great oppression –*

² **and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains.**³ **So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them.**⁴ **Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.**⁵ **For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it.**⁶ **So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. (Judges 6:2-6 NKJ)**

B. *The oppression of sin and Satan is even greater -*

III. *Fulfillment of this Prophecy Started with the Birth of Christ – Isaiah 9:6*

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJ)

1. *Child born, a reference to Christ's humanity, His virgin birth –*
"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14 NKJ)

2. *A Son "given" a reference to the FACT Jesus is the eternal Son of God –*
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJ)

And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35 NKJ)*

3. *Jesus' Deity is established with the other descriptions here:*
Wonderful Counselor -⁸ **"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.**⁹ **"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJ)**

Mighty God – Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? (Isaiah 53:1 NKJ)

Everlasting Father – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God. (John 1:1-2 NKJ)

Prince of Peace - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1 NKJ)

Note, when Jesus first met with His disciples, after the resurrection, His first greeting to them was a greeting of peace. Jesus had attained “peace” for us with God on the cross.

In fact, each of these titles hints at Jesus’ work on the cross. As Wonderful Counselor His work on the cross is that thing which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard. It is that way of salvation that the mere human mind would never dream of, it is that counsel which is too wonderful for us –

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJ)

O when we view God’s grand design, To save rebellious worms,
How vengeance and compassion join In their sublimest forms!

Our thoughts are lost in rev’rent awe We love and we adore;
The first archangel never saw So much of God before!

Here each Divine perfection joins, And thought can never trace,
Which of the glories brightest shines The justice or the grace.

¹⁸ **For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1Corinthians 1:18 NKJ)**

This holds true too for Jesus being our MIGHTY HERO God too –
²³ **but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,** ²⁴ **but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** ²⁵ **Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1Corinthians 1:23-25 NKJ)**

He is our EVERLASTING FATHER – because of His everlasting care and eternal love for us –

Speaking to His adult Apostles He speaks like this –

³³ **"Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:33-34 NKJ)**

*“My children, he addresses them, fulfilling the paschal role of head of the family. The term used is the diminutive *teknia*,” D.A Carson
The term used here is a term of endearment. Jesus knew His disciples weaknesses. He predicted their abandoning Him and Peter’s denial. But He loved them and would die for them anyway. He treats them as a loving father would his children –*

¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. ¹⁴ For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. (Psalm 103:11-14 NKJ)**

IV. This prophecy will continue to be fulfilled with the government of Christ –

And the government will be upon His shoulder. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJ)

Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. (Isaiah 9:7 a NKJ)

Christ is our Prophet, Priest and KING; He governs us now in this world through the agency of His Holy Spirit -

1. He must rule each of our hearts and actions –

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (Galatians 5:16-17 NKJ)

We need to be “led” (or governed) by God’s Spirit, this leading is like the leading of an animal, perhaps a sheep?

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Galatians 5:18 NKJ)

2. *By His Spirit He must rule our families –*

Note that the instruction regarding families in Ephesians 5 is prefaced by the COMMAND to be filled with the Spirit –

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, (Ephesians 5:18 NKJ)

speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God. (Ephesians 5:19-21 NKJ)

It is after this we read –

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22 NKJ) and For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. (Ephesians 5:23-24 NKJ)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: (Ephesians 6:1-2 NKJ)

3. *He must rule our churches –*

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28 NKJ)

4. *He must rule our nation and world –*

²² (For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us); (Isaiah 33:22 NKJ)

5. *Ultimately He will rule all –*

¹⁴ "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." (Rev 17:14 NKJ)

V. *A prophecy which will surely be fully fulfilled –*

Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:7 NKJ)

1. *Note the prophetic perfect (like past tense) language used by Isaiah –*

² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.³ You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.⁵ For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.

2. *Note the fulfillment of this prophecy, is not up to human beings, or even angels, nor is it something God (the LORD) is half-hearted about*

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:1-7 NKJ)

A. *Seeing Christ rule as KING of Kings and LORD of Lords is something that God is passionate about. Zeal is red-face, powerful, EMOTION! It is energetic, even in human beings. When backed by the POWER of God it is unstoppable –*

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."⁷ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (Psalm 2:1-12 NKJ)

B. *Seeing this is something God will do, KISS the Son, get right with Jesus –*

"The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.³⁶ "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:35-36 NKJ)

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