

Morning Sermon December 13, 2020  
"It is All About Jesus Christ"—Isaiah 9:1-7

I. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Light, the Light Who Shines in the Darkness –

9 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. <sup>2</sup>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 (NKJV)

1. This is certainly a prophecy fulfilled by Christ, we have its fulfilment recorded by Matthew –

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: <sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: <sup>16</sup> 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 4:12-17 (NKJV)

- A. Note the moral darkness of that day, Herod (a godless man) is ruling, while John the Baptist is in prison, **Matthew 4:12**, who would later be beheaded!
- B. It was a sad, gloomy, dark time for Israel in general. From the time of Isaiah, an attack by Assyria, after that destruction caused by Babylon! After Babylon they were ruled by Persia, by Greece, and in Jesus' day the Romans! Galilee is called "Galilee of the Gentiles" **Matthew 4:15** because the people there were ruled, stepped on by the gentiles!
- 2. Yet, it is in this circumstance that Christ comes, according to prophecy to shine as a light in a dark world –

Before Jesus is born, Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, in his prophecy about his son, also speaks of Jesus, with words similar to those spoken by Isaiah -

<sup>78</sup> Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; <sup>79</sup> To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78–79 (NKJV)

3. Jesus was not only a light to Galilee, but He is the Light of the World, He is a Light to all of us –

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12 (NKJV)

A. In the place of ignorance, we have in Christ a Light of Knowledge -

<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV)

B. In place of death, God's people have Jesus as the Light of Life –

... He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12 (NKJV)

C. In place of sin and damnation (because of sin) we have Christ as a Light of Salvation –

<sup>6</sup> Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Isaiah 49:6 (NKJV)

II. Our Lord Jesus Christ is our Multiplier, particularly, the Increaser of our joy –

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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 (NKJV)

1. *The LORD is our multiplier* – <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy -

<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42–47 (NKJV)

2. *Here is the joy of harvest* – :3

10 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Luke 10:1–2 (NKJV)

*This is a harvest of saved men and women!*

3. *This is the joy of victory* - As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. :3 B

*Our victory is over sin and Satan, over death and Hell –*

<sup>55</sup> “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55–57 (NKJV)

III. *Our REASON for Joy; our Lord Jesus is our Eternal King* – Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV)

1. *Here the birth of Jesus as a Man is referenced* - <sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born Isaiah 9:6 A

2. *Here the giving of God's Son, as Deity is reference* –

<sup>6</sup> Unto us a Son is given ... Isaiah 9:6 B

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NKJV) *Jesus as the Son of God, the Word is eternal; Jesus the Son of Man was born in time.*

3. *Government / Rule is given to Him, and He is more than capable of handling it* - and the government will be upon His shoulder.

*Note His Names* –

A. *Wonderful* – *in His being as the God-Man, in His sinlessness, in His counsel, His teaching which is Higher than ours* –

<sup>8</sup> “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “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 (NKJV)

B. *Counselor*- *connects with wonderful, and refers to Christ's teaching* –

<sup>46</sup> The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” John 7:46 (NKJV)

C. *Mighty God* – *a reference to His Deity*

D. *Everlasting father* – *He is eternal* – John 1:1-2

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1–2 (NKJV)

E. *Prince of Peace* – *He brings true and lasting peace* –

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27 (NKJV)

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

4. *His rule is eternal, and certain* -

<sup>7</sup> 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 9:6–7 (NKJV)

*The LORD of Hosts, of all armies, will make this happen!*

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