

Week 2: A Miraculous Promise
Scripture: Matthew 2, Isaiah 9:6-7

[Isa 9:6-7 ESV] 6 For to us a child is born, 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. 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.

I. Intro

- A. The Miraculous promise is clear in the Christmas Story
- B. We see the reality of the plan of God come to fulfillment.
- C. We see God interject himself into humanity, just as He promised.
- D. He did this in His own time and in His own way, just as He has done all other things

II. Text

A. Verse 6:

1. Child to be born will accomplish the promise
2. He will be sovereign over all
3. Wonderful Counselor
4. Mighty God
5. Everlasting Father
6. Prince of Peace

B. Verse 7

1. No end to His power and reach
2. Throne of David: the promise fulfilled
3. Over His Kingdom: His kingdom is everything under the rule of God...all things
4. To establish and uphold with justice and righteousness forever
5. The zeal: Webster: eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something : FERVOR
6. WILL DO THIS:
 - a) God will do this with eagerness
 - b) God will do this with FERVER

III. Point

A. The Titles

1. The Titles promise a fulfillment of the promise
 - a) Wonderful Counselor
 - b) Mighty God
 - c) Everlasting Father
 - d) Prince of Peace
2. Jesus is the embodiment of this truth
3. Jesus began with this truth, and continues with this truth
4. Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus...

B. The Task

1. Lord of all, sovereign over all
2. Lord of eternity, sovereign over eternity
3. The increase...
 - a) The growing presence of Christ in the world today is seen in the growing reach of the church.
 - b) He is still bringing freedom to the captive...and that means you as well
 - c) The work of Christ is increasing!

C. The Temperament

1. With ZEAL He will uphold justice and righteousness
2. If you are in need of justice, Jesus is your source
3. If you need Righteousness, Jesus is your source

4. It was for the time before His birth, during his life, and after His death and Resurrection
5. I am convinced this is the greatest truth to celebrate this Christmas...
 - a) Jesus saves, sustains, and secures us with Zeal, Ferver, and Love
 - b) We are the most blessed of men and women, Jesus is our savior and Lord!
6. [Psa 23:6 ESV] 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
 - a) [Psa 23:6 NLT] 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.
 - b) Hebrew word: radaf, translated as pursue 74 times, and chase 13 times in KJV.
7. God so desired to rescue you, that he became flesh and became of sacrifice and our hope for resurrection.

IV. Close

- A. Salvation is by no other name
- B. He is the wonderful counselor
- C. He is the mighty God
- D. He is the everlasting father
- E. He is the Prince of Peace!