

Advent

Week Four



Peace

Isaiah 9:5-7

Isaiah 53:1-6

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men.”

(Luke 2:14, KJV)

The Context of Isaiah

- Isaiah's prophecies
 - Spoke to the Southern Kingdom of Judah
 - The kings were *usually* wicked
 - Prophecies first spoke directly to Judah and her kings
 - Some went far beyond*
- This morning: two prophecies for *us*
 - The Prince of Peace (Chapt. 9)
 - The Suffering Servant (Chapt. 53)

First Prophecy: Isaiah 9:5-7

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⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

First Prophecy: Isaiah 9:5-7

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And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

First Prophecy: Isaiah 9:5-7

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⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:5-7

- An “already...not yet” prophecy
- There will come an end to war 9:5
- The promise: a coming king 9:6
 - “Born,” the incarnation at Bethlehem
 - Will shoulder the responsibility of government
 - Called...
 - Wonderful Counselor
 - Mighty God
 - Everlasting Father
 - Prince of Peace

The Prince of Peace (continued)

Isaiah 9:5-7

- A Divine, eternal rule 9:7
 - David's throne established forever (2 Sam. 7:16)
 - Ruled with justice and righteousness

Second Prophecy: Isaiah 53:1-6

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¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:1-6

- Very different Messiah
- Few believe the prophecy 53:1
 - Despised, rejected, sorrowful, suffering 53:3
 - A burden carrier
 - Considered smitten by God 53:4 (Mark 15:34)
 - Pierced, crushed for our transgressions and iniquities 53:5
- “The punishment that brought us peace was upon him”
- We are like lost sheep 53:6
 - We have turned to our own way
 - God laid our sins on him

Melding the Two Puzzle Pieces

First, the Prince of Peace

- *Started* at the first Advent, but not finished
 - Wonderful Counselor
 - Mighty God
 - Everlasting Father
 - Prince of Peace
- *Still to come*, at the second Advent
 - Government on his shoulders
 - Reign on David's throne forever
 - Establish justice and righteousness forever

Melding the Two Puzzle Pieces

Second, the Suffering Servant

- Finished at the first Advent
 - Despised and rejected by men
 - Man of sorrows; acquainted with grief
 - Considered stricken by God
 - Pierced, crushed for our sin
 - *"The punishment that brought us peace was upon him"*
53:5
 - The LORD laid on him the iniquity of us all*

Life Lessons

- We joyfully call Jesus our “Prince of Peace”
 - He is, and we should celebrate!
 - He established peace between us and God
 - That peace can heal conflicts with each other
- But such peace came at a high price
 - The Prince of Peace is also the Suffering Servant
 - He didn’t “make” peace
 - He bought it with life, body, and blood

Big Idea

Our Prince paid the price for our peace

Aaronic Blessing

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.” ’

Numbers 6:24-26, NKJV