

Isaiah 9:1–7: The Promise

A Promise of Light (Isaiah 9:1–2)

“And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ‘The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” (Matthew 4:13–17)

“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 8:12).

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13–14)

A Promise of Joy (Isaiah 9:3)

“As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.” (2 Corinthians 6:10)

A Promise of Liberation (Isaiah 9:4–5)

“Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace, Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, And in His name all oppression shall cease.” (“O Holy Night”)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.’” (John 8:34)

“Sin will take you farther than you ever wanted to go, keep you longer than you ever wanted to stay, and cost you more than you ever wanted to pay.” (Unknown)

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

A Promise of a Child (Isaiah 9:6)

“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?” (Isaiah 40:12–14)

A Promise of a King (Isaiah 9:7)

“Born a child and yet a King.” (“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”)

“Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!” (“Joy to the World”)

Notes

Discuss

- What is a way that you've personally experienced light, joy, or liberation through Jesus?
- How do each of the four titles given to the child in Isaiah 9:6 resonate with you this Christmas?
- What are the parts of Isaiah 9:1–7 that have already been fulfilled in the first coming of Jesus, and what are the parts that will be fulfilled at his second coming?

Read

Isaiah 7:10–25; 53:1–12; Luke 1:26–38

Pray

- That King Jesus will return and establish his kingdom fully on earth.
- That the members of our congregation who are experiencing sadness, loneliness, or discouragement this Christmas will experience God-given joy.

Announcements

- Candidating Sunday for Luke Burcell: December 12
 - Breakfast for Worship Team: 9:30am
 - Luke and His Family Attending Sunday Service: 10:45am
 - Members' Meeting (Luke Leading in Worship and Sharing About Himself): 5:00pm
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Goal: \$5,000)
- Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5:00pm
- Small Groups (Coye and Emily Still, Randy and Crystal Syring, and Steve and Miriam Christy)