

Dec 18th 2005: Isaiah 9:1-7: The King we would choose

Imagine that you live...countryevrything is going really wrong
You have a King but he is weak.....easily swayed.....extremely evil
He has no regard for the God.....your religion

Indeed he has no regard for anyone....except....his evil.....AND they don't trust
He does not care for his people as a whole.....Let alone individuals

The nation is bankrupt.....Food is very short.....Criminal activity is unstoppable
Other Nations are gathering to attack.....
And the ones.....king seeks to cultivate as friend & Saviour.....
Look downright nasty to you

**Now supposing you were given the power to look for a new king...Perfect for you &
What qualities would you look for ?????**

Well Isaiah lived in a country like that ...and all most could see ahead for their Nation
..for themselves.....their familieswas pain...gloom...darkness...disaster

And they knew that with kings like they seemed to get.....nothing could ever change....
....for very long

That's when God spoke to His servant Isaiah.....In Isaiah 8:11-14

And in 9:1-2 he tells him why.....

In a time that was still future for Isaiah.....God would do a new and wonderful thing
He would send a great light into their midst.....who will be their salvation

For this Light would be a leader.....possessing all the qualitiesever hope for.
For He would come first as a child born.....

But then would declare Himself as the Son of God....given to the whole world

9:6—7 reads.....

Son of David.....Son of God.....He will be THE ruler of all things one day
The Government will indeed be....upon His shoulders
This is backed up in the NT.....by such a passage as Phil 2:9—11...

Yet even before that time comes

This child born in a stable.....This Son given for the salvation of the world....This Jesus
IS for His own.....**for those who welcome him into their lives**
ALL THAT THESE 4 NAMES..... PROMISE

**WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR
MIGHTY GOD
EVERLASTING FATHER
PRINCE OF PEACE**

Notice how each name.....made up of 2 parts

Wonderful Counsellor: This points to the King as Counsellor
In the sense.....that he plans.....makes decisions.....gives direction as Ruler

He chooses the best path for the people....the Nation to walk in
And because Jesus is Wonderful Counsellor.....That means he will always direct well
Never make mistakes

And His way for your life.....will always give the greatest joy....utmost security
Greatest blessing and reward

There is no more wonderful Counsellor than Jesus in our world today

Others suggest this pathway....that pathway
Others call you to trust their wisdom and guidance

But its only the inner voice of Jesus.....AS Wonderful Counsellor.....benefit eternally

Almighty God: It is still an incredible thing to me....that this baby...in fact God
Yet there is no other explanation for one whose birth was predicted hundreds
Predicted even to details of place.....of time.....of circumstances

His ministry...miracles...death by crucifixion... resurrection were likewise predicted

But as well as that....His life....The teaching He gave with such authority
The amazing miracles he performed.....His resurrection....**And** the miracles today
Done in the Name of Jesus.....**can only** be explained by the truth that He is God

And as God He is Almighty.....Greater than the powers of evil
They could not destroy Him at Calvary.....**They can** not destroy Him or...today
And He has promised to care for His own....You can trust yourself to Him

Everlasting Father:

Many Kings then....saw themselves as the Father for their people
As a Father cares.....so they agreed to care for.....**None ever could**...imposs for man

But Jesus who said....I and the Father are One
Comes alongside each of us ...and cares as only a perfect Father figure can

Remember He said.....Come unto me all you who are weary.....
That is the way He is ...yearns to be....Father to you today
And that care continues for everlasting.....For He is Everlasting Father

But He is also Prince of Peace

Prince....for there is no other who can give peace like Jesus gives
Peace.....being the quietness of heart that trusts,,,,,,,,,despite all the madness
In John 14:27 Jesus said.....

And how true that has proven. Peace outside Christ depends upon all things going well

But when a person knows that Jesus is looking after them...have an inner peace...
Nothing else can explain (Talked to some of you in hospital...)

This is the Jesus.....who is here with us

He was born as a babe.....and it is right that we celebrate that

But He no longer calls you to receive Him as a helpless babe...**But as ONE...**

Who will be for you the King you need: Wonderful Counsellor....

(It was a quiet Saturday morning.....)