

Outline, Sermon on Isaiah 9 and 11

Summary: Last week we saw how the mysterious promise of the birth of a child to a virgin grew over the next three chapters—8, 9, and 11—to blossom into a fully-fledged promise by God that His divine Messiah would initiate a new kingdom of light, joy, justice, peace, and complete security. Today we explore the wonders of that ancient promise of King and Kingdom, fulfilled in the humble coming of Jesus and His Kingdom and to be dramatically manifest in His glorious second coming.

We saw two themes at work in Isaiah that are at work elsewhere in Scripture:

1. God's righteous judgment of sin results in agonizing removal from God's presence ("exile")
2. God's gracious payment for sin results in a joyous, comforting return to God ("homecoming")

The backdrop for the second is inevitably the first, as we have seen in our study of Isaiah 40, 7-8 and now 9 & 11.

- I. **Looking back:** Light emerging from theme-one-style trouble (spiritual and national alienation/exile) (9:1-5)
Light (v. 2), growth (v. 3a), joy (v. 3b), the end of war (vv. 4-5)
- II. **Looking at:** The King (Messiah) who bring theme-two-style justice and righteousness (9:6-7, 11:1-5)
The four titles of the King:
- III. **Looking forward:** The Kingdom which brings theme-two style global peace and security (11:6-9)

N.B. The future is partly ours now

Conclusion