
CBC WEEKLY RESOURCES



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I. SERMON RECAP

This week's sermon by Pastor Gary focused on the astonishing fulfillment of prophecies about Jesus Christ, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah. Pastor Gary highlighted Isaiah 9:6-7, where the gift of Christ is described with titles like Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

These names reveal both the divine and the relatable nature of Jesus, emphasizing His role in our lives as both sovereign Lord and empathetic savior.

Pastor Gary passionately shared how these prophecies remind us that God's plan is detailed and purposeful, coming to fruition in the life of Christ 700 years after being prophesied. As we navigate our own lives, he encouraged us to trust in God's sovereign orchestration, knowing that He is actively working in our midst and desires to guide us with wisdom and love. May we be inspired to embrace Jesus' identity and role in our lives with renewed awe and commitment.

As we reflect on this message, let us hold fast to the hope found in Christ, inviting His wonderful presence into the everyday moments of our lives. May you feel the gentle guidance of Jesus, the peace He brings, and the courage to walk the path He has laid before you.

II. STUDY GUIDE

Key Points:

- Balance personal and communal prayer by interceding for one another, like how we prayed for Chrissy and the Bates family.
- Find your identity in Christ, rooted in the fulfillment of God's promises.
- Adopt a worship-first posture by entering into God's presence with adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.
- Cultivate stillness before God to gain clarity and direction in your life.
- Acknowledge God's sovereignty as revealed in Christ's life and in our personal histories.

Key Scripture:

Isaiah 9:6-7 [NIV]: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 6:1, 5, 7 [NIV]: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple... 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips...'

Isaiah 7:14 [NIV]: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Other Relevant Verses:

John 1:14 [NIV]: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Luke 2:11 [NIV]: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Philippians 2:7-8 [NIV]: Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Hebrews 4:15 [NIV]: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses...

Romans 8:28 [NIV]: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.

John 14:27 [NIV]: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

III. DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL

Day 1: The Gift of Prophecy Fulfilled

Question: How does witnessing the fulfillment of prophecy strengthen your faith?

Reading: Isaiah 9:6

Devotional: Reflect on the precision and faithfulness of God in fulfilling His promises through Christ. Let this miracle of prophecy assure you that God is intimately involved in your life.

Challenge: Write down one promise God has given in Scripture and reflect on its significance for you today.

Day 2: Embracing Stillness

Question: What noise in your life prevents you from hearing God's voice clearly?

Reading: Isaiah 6:1

Devotional: In Isaiah's vision of the Lord in the temple, stillness brought about awareness of God's majesty and sovereignty. Seek these moments in your life for greater clarity and connection with Him.

Challenge: Dedicate 10 minutes to silence today, inviting God to speak and reveal His presence in a new way.

Day 3: Identity in Christ

Question: How does knowing you are 'in Christ' influence your daily choices?

Reading: Philippians 2:7

Devotional: Understanding Christ's humility and servanthood shapes our self-perception. Recognize that your highest identity is found in aligning your life with His example and love. **Challenge:** Identify one area of personal pride and surrender it to God in prayer, seeking Christ-like humility.

Day 4: Human Experience and Divine Understanding

Question: How does Jesus' participation in the human experience bring you comfort?

Reading: Hebrews 4:15

Devotional: Jesus empathizes with our weaknesses because He lived as we do. This intimate understanding reassures us through every trial, knowing we have a sympathetic Savior.

Challenge: Share your struggles with Jesus in prayer, trusting in His understanding and care.

Day 5: Walking in Peace

Question: In what areas of your life do you long for His peace to rule?

Reading: John 14:27

Devotional: Amidst life's turmoil, Christ offers a peace that transcends understanding. As the Prince of Peace, He promises inner tranquility no matter our circumstances.

Challenge: Choose one area of stress in your life and pray for Christ's peace to fill that space.

IV. SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Opening:

Welcome members warmly, invite sharing of joys and concerns, and begin with a prayer, inviting God's presence and insight.

Sermon Recap:

Theme:

This week engaged with the incredible prophetic insights of Isaiah, ultimately realized in Jesus Christ.

- The wonder of fulfilled prophecy.
- The dual nature of Christ as human and divine.
- An encouragement to seek God's sovereign orchestration in our lives.

Icebreaker Question:

Reflect on a time when you realized a plan, either your own or someone else's, came together perfectly. How did that make you feel about the orchestrator of the plan?

Scripture Exploration:

Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 6:1-7, Philippians 2:7-8

Discuss

Isaiah 9:6-7:

- How does each title of Jesus give you a fuller understanding of His character?
- Which title resonates most with you and why?
- How does this passage enhance your view of Christmas?

Discuss Isaiah 6:1-7:

What does Isaiah's response to God's holiness teach us about humility?

Discuss how God's sovereignty was evident in this passage.

How does this vision of God challenge your perception of Him?

Discuss Philippians 2:7-8:

- Why is Christ's humility essential for His role as Savior?
- How can we emulate this humility in our daily lives?
- How do these verses speak to the way Jesus relates to our human struggles?

Takeaways:

- How do these passages collectively reveal God's plan for salvation?
- How do they deepen your appreciation for divine sovereignty?
- How can these insights shape our worship and relationships?

Application:

Personal: Develop a habit of intentional stillness to hear from God.

Community: Organize a prayer group to collectively intercede for one another's needs.

Closing:

Share any prayer needs within the group, close with a prayer that acknowledges God's plans, asking for His guidance and peace in each member's life.

Leader Notes:

- Encourage authentic participation by creating a non-judgmental environment for sharing.
- Use open-ended questions to inspire deeper discussions.
- Gently guide the conversation to ensure all voices are heard and respected.