



December 18, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell

Isaiah 9:1-7 | God's Christmas Gift

Sermon Application Review from 1 Thessalonians 5:23–28

How have you seen God demonstrate faithfulness this past week?

Which ministry leader did you pray for this past week?

Scripture References

Isaiah 9:1–7; 11:1–9

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 1:18–19; 4:12–17

Luke 1:26–38

Luke 3:23–28; 1:76; 6:35; 8:28

Psalm 89:1–52

2 Samuel 7:8–16

Study Questions

1. The world has always been a dark place (Isaiah 8:11–9:5). What aspect of sin and evil troubles you most (e.g., human trafficking)? How does the world attempt to provide solutions to these ills? Why are the world's solutions so lacking?
2. How did God promise blessing and hope in 9:2–5? In what way do these promises bring comfort in our daily lives? How do we experience light, joy, freedom, and peace today? How can you share hope this Christmas season as you interact with family, friends, and acquaintances?
3. How does Jesus' identity and mission as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace provide you great joy and hope? Which of these four titles is especially meaningful to you amid the circumstances of your life? How can you weave this title into conversations this Christmas?
4. What does 9:7 teach about the nature of Jesus' kingdom? What is the significance of the statement in 9:7 that "the zeal of the LORD" will bring this about? How is God the Father zealous to establish the kingdom of His Son? What does this teach you about their relationship? How can you be more zealous for the Lord this Christmas?
5. How did Jesus begin to fulfill Isaiah 9:1–7 in Matthew 4:12–17? What do Luke 21:25–28 and Revelation 19:11–20:6 tell you about that final fulfillment? What are you most looking forward to about Christ's future rule and reign? How does this provide you hope for today?

Recommended Reading

Peter Mead, *Pleased to Dwell: A Biblical Introduction to the Incarnation* (Christian Focus, 2014)

Christopher J. H. Wright, *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament* (InterVarsity, 1992)

David Jeremiah, *Why the Nativity?* (Tyndale, 2006)