



# Sermon Guide: Peace: The Wise King 12/21/25

**Text(s):** Isaiah 9:1-7

**Big Idea:** *The peace we long for comes from a King who wins and restores what was lost.*

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**Summary of the Sermon** - Isaiah 9 reminds us that God speaks His promises with such certainty that He describes future salvation as already finished. Even while we wait in a world that still feels dark and broken, our peace is secure because the Son now carries the weight of the world's rule on His shoulders. We live between promise and fulfillment—not with anxiety, but with confidence grounded in God's faithful love.

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## Ice Breaker Question:

When you hear the word *peace*, what's the first situation or image that comes to mind?

## Discussion Questions

1. Where in your life do you feel the tension between what God has promised and what you are currently experiencing?
2. How does knowing that God speaks future salvation as already accomplished shape the way you wait?
3. What does it mean for you personally that the government—and the weight of history—rests on Christ's shoulders and not yours?
4. In what ways are you tempted to look for peace from changing circumstances rather than from Christ's finished work?
5. How does understanding the zeal of the LORD as affectionate, covenant love change how you view God's heart toward you?
6. What burdens might God be inviting you to release because they were never meant to rest on your shoulders?
7. As you wait for Christ's return and the fullness of peace, what practices help you live with settled confidence rather than anxious striving?