

MESSIAH'S CHARACTER AND OUR HOPE

Isaiah 11:1-10

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In our series "Christmas in Isaiah," We've seen prophecies of Messiah's birth in 7:14 and Messiah's titles in 9:6-7. These brought hope for the prophet's day and for the future. Next, Isaiah discussed the looming threat of an Assyrian invasion from the north. Where would HOPE come from? Where is the HOPE of the world today? In Jesus the Messiah!

- I. OUR HOPE IN MESSIAH'S PROMISE (Isaiah 11:1)**
 - A. A New Tree Would Grow
 - 1. A Davidic Branch
 - 2. A Fruitful Branch
 - B. An Extension of Previous Promises (2 Sam. 7:12-13, Is. 7:14, 9:6-7)

- II. OUR HOPE IN MESSIAH'S CHARACTER (Isaiah 11:2-4a)**
 - A. Messiah's Anointed Character
 - 1. The Spirit of the LORD
 - 2. The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding
 - 3. The Spirit of Counsel and Might
 - 4. The Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the LORD
 - B. The Motivation of His Character—"delight in the fear of the LORD" (3a)
 - C. The Justice of His Actions (3b-4a)

- III. OUR HOPE IN MESSIAH'S JUDGMENT (11:4b-5)**
 - A. Punishment of Rebels (4b; 2 Thes. 2:8, Rev. 19:16)
 - B. Righteousness of Rule (5)

- IV. OUR HOPE IN MESSIAH'S PEACE (11:6-9)**
 - A. The Reverse of Earth's Curse (6-9a; Rom. 8:19-22)
 - B. The Reason for Kingdom Peace (9b)

- V. OUR HOPE IN MESSIAH'S SALVATION (11:10)**
 - A. The Person Who Saves ("Root of Jesse")
 - B. The Banner of Salvation for All Peoples
 - C. The Fulfilment
 - 1. Today (Romans 15:12)
 - 2. Someday (Rev. 5:9)

The Mountain Peaks of Hope... In Isaiah's Day, At Jesus's First Coming, A Banner for the Nations Today, At Second Coming. What a Plan!

HOPE was born at Christmas. Do you have HOPE?

FOR NEXT TIME—Read Isaiah 42:1-4, 50:1-7, *Messiah's Humility*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER 11, 2022

1. In what ways do people that you know lack hope?
2. Which of these blessings from Messiah are most helpful to you right here, right now?
 - a. Messiah's Promise (Isaiah 11:1)
 - b. Messiah's Character (11:2-3)
 - c. Messiah's Judgment (11: 4-5)
 - d. Messiah's Peace (11:6-9)
 - e. Messiah's Salvation (11:10)
3. How has Jesus the Messiah brought hope into your life?
4. How can your family remember the true meaning of Christmas this year?
5. Who are you praying for this Christmas season that needs the hope of Jesus? Who are you hoping to invite to Christmas Eve or other Christmas services or events where they'll hear the Gospel?