

A. SERMON SLIDES

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Peace Shall Rule Over The Land

Isaiah 11:1-9

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Isaiah 11:1-9 (ESV)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

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Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

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I. Historical Context

Broken Kingdom, Menacing Evil

Chaos, Anxiety, Fear, Gloom

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II. Definition of Peace

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Biblical Peace is not only the absence of all the things that should not be, but the addition of the way things ought to be.

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III. The Peace offered from the Isaiah Ruler will be Comprehensive/
Miraculous

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Meditation Point

Is there a way for me to walk into conflict and find opportunities for everyone to flourish?

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IV. Peace comes with Wisdom, so Peace is linked with Submission

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If the wisdom of God makes the wisdom of the world foolish, and if in the wisdom of the world, the wisdom of God seems foolish...how is Peace possible?

Submission

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Meditation Point

How much lack of peace is in my life right now because I believe I could do a better job at planning than God? How much of my lack of peace is coming from a lack of submission?

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V. Christ is the Prince of Peace

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Isaiah 11:10 (ESV)

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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Meditation Point

What does it mean to you that not only is it possible to find Peace, but that Peace came to find you?

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Read Isaiah 11:1-10

Talk about the characteristics of this coming ruler, and what stands out to you? Do you see these in "leaders" today?

What kind of peace is this ruler bringing, and how does it change from verses 1-5, and 6-10?

2) Explain the difference between the peace we usually seek (absence of things) vs the peace the Bible speaks of (everything flourishing, healthy and safe)

3) Is it peace, if it's not peaceful for all? What has happened to bring about this peace for all? (vs 4)

4) Explain the difference between stepping into conflict to punish/reward vs stepping into conflict with a motivation for all to flourish.

5) In what way is submission tied to peace? Explain how wisdom brings peace, and submission requires asking for wisdom, and always trusting the ways (wisdom) of God beyond our comprehension.

6) How does calling this Ruler both the shoot from the stump of Jesse, and the root of Jesse give away the identity of this Ruler?

7) Praise and prayer