

A) Sermon Slides

Slide 1: Title

Hope for Healing

Isaiah 11:1-10

Slide 2:

Isaiah 11:1–10 (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.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Slide 3:

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.

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.

Slide 4:

Isaiah 1:1 (ESV)

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Slide 5:

Isaiah 10:13 (ESV)

"By the strength of my hand I have done it,
and by my wisdom, for I have understanding"

Slide 7:

Isaiah 10:15 (ESV)

"Shall the axe boast over him who hews with it,
or the saw magnify itself against him who wields it?"

Slide 8:

Isaiah 10:33–34 (ESV)

"Behold, the Lord GOD of hosts
will lop the boughs with terrifying power;
the great in height will be hewn down,
and the lofty will be brought low.
He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an axe,
and Lebanon will fall by the Majestic One."

Slide 9:

Isaiah 11:1

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

Slide 10:

Image (faraway)

Image (closeup)

Slide 11:

I. The Characteristics of the Coming King

II. The Identity of the Coming King

Slide 12:

Characteristics:

a) Justice

b) Wisdom

Slide 13:

"but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth"

Slide 14:

"Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."

Slide 15:

"He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear"

Slide 16:

"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse..."

"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."

Slide 17:

How can we have the Judge we need, who takes away all sin and destroys all evil, and still somehow survive ourselves in the purging?

The answer is Christmas

B) Group Discussion

1) Have someone read Isaiah 11:1-10. What stands out to you? What have you thought about this text before, and what questions would you ask of it now?

2) Have you ever considered that "God could hit good licks with crooked sticks." In other words, that God can use evil people to accomplish His will. If this is true, then how does this change our view of submission?

3) God comes in Christ as a perfect judge, full of wisdom. How have you been hurt by authority, or how have you hurt others? Why do those who make decisions (judge) so often get it wrong?

4) Do you see the brokenness in our world today? What are some examples you may have regarding the world's inability to be "right." What is missing? What do you want from God that you aren't getting?

5) How do Christians respond? How can we be different?

6) Explain why the manger shows us that God isn't coming simply to identify, nor is He coming simply to Judge. Why must He come in the way that He does?

7) Praise and prayer?