

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were *not serving themselves but you*, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1:10-12

Matthew 4:12-17

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah (9:1-2):

- ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
- ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light;
- on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near**." ¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan–² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The <u>zeal</u> of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. **Isaiah 9:1-7**

Wonderful Counselor

"You guide me with your <u>counsel</u>..." Ps. 73:24 "Whose <u>plan</u> is wonderful; wisdom magnificent..." Is. 28:29 "According to the <u>plan</u> of him who <u>works out everything</u> in conformity to His purposes..." Eph. 1:11

Mighty God

"For in Christ all the fulness of deity lives..." Col. 2:6 "Radiance of God's glory, exact representation..." Heb. 1:2

Everlasting Father

"Soul makes offering, he shall see His offspring..." Is. 53:10 "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you..." Jn. 14:18

Prince of Peace

"Justified by faith, we have peace with God..." Rom. 5:1 "He himself is our peace, broken down hostility..." Eph. 2:14-16