

The Promise of Christmas

Promised Person

Isaiah 9:6-7

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.” **2 Corinthians 1:20**

God keeps His promises in Christ...of Revelation, Deliverance and Leadership. Today we will see God keep His promise of a Person.

Main Idea: God Promises to the World a Person Unlike Any Other

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” **Isaiah 9:6-7**

Five Important Facts about the Person Unlike Any Other:

I. His Origin *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...”* **9:6a**

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” **Philippians 2:5-7**

“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” **Luke 2:10-11**

II. His Role *“...& the government shall be upon his shoulder...”* **9:6b**

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me.” **Matthew 28:18**

III. His Traits *“....and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* **9:6c**

- **Wonderful:** Exceptional, Distinguished, Matchless, Supernatural

“Therefore God has highly exalted him & bestowed on him the name that is above every name.” **Philippians 2:9**

- **Counselor:** Wise, Hopeful, Clear, Communicative

“Oh, the depth of the riches & wisdom & knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments & how inscrutable his ways.” **Romans 11:33**

- **Mighty God:** Divine Warrior, Holy One of Israel, Immanuel

“Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God & Savior Jesus Christ.” **Titus 2:13**

- **Everlasting Father:** Eternally Existent, Ancient of Days, Unfailing

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” **Revelation 1:8**

- **Prince of Peace:** Prosperous, Protector of People, Tranquillizer

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.” **Ephesians 2:14**

- #### **IV. His Plan** *“Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore...”* **9:7a**

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” **Revelation 11:15**

- #### **V. His Motivation** *“...The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”* **9:7b**

Promise: *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* **Romans 6:23**

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