



GRACE PROMISED

“God’s Faithfulness in Sending His Son”

Isaiah 9:1–7

INTRODUCTION

1. GRACE SHINES INTO DARKNESS (vv. 1–2)

A. God’s grace begins where human hope ends

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...”

B. God’s grace is not limited by geography or history

“Galilee of the nations...”

C. Application

- God’s grace meets us in our personal darkness — our failures, fears, and griefs.
- You don’t have to escape your darkness before God meets you.
- Jesus *is* the light that cannot be extinguished.

*“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5*

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. GRACE BRINGS JOY AND FREEDOM (vv. 3–5)

“You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy...”

A. Grace increases joy where there was sorrow

B. Grace breaks the yoke of oppression

“The yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken...”

C. Grace replaces fear with peace

“Every boot of the tramping warrior... will be burned as fuel for the fire.”

3. GRACE COMES THROUGH A CHILD (vv. 6–7)

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...”

A. The Child’s humanity: “A child is born”

B. The Son’s deity: “A Son is given”

C. The King’s authority: “The government shall be upon His shoulder”

D. The Savior’s identity: “His name shall be called...”

- **Wonderful Counselor** – His wisdom guides us when life confuses us.
- **Mighty God** – His power delivers us when sin enslaves us.
- **Everlasting Father** – His compassion sustains us when others fail us.
- **Prince of Peace** – His rule restores wholeness where sin has broken everything.

E. The Promise’s certainty

“The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Application

1. Trust God’s promises even in your darkness.
2. Celebrate grace, not circumstances.
3. Worship Jesus as the Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace.
4. Share the promise of grace with others.