

"The Greatest Gift-Giver"

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NKJV)

¹Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed,

As when at first He lightly esteemed

The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

And afterward more heavily oppressed her,

By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,

In Galilee of the Gentiles.

² The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,

Upon them a light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation

And increased its joy;

They rejoice before You

According to the joy of harvest,

As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden

And the staff of his shoulder,

The rod of his oppressor,

As in the day of Midian.

⁵ For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle,

And garments rolled in blood,

Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

⁶ For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace

There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

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Main Idea: God is the greatest gift-giver of all!

1. God has given us the gift of <u>light!</u>

vs 8:22 vs 9:1-2
Matthew 4:12-16 John 1:6-9
1 Peter 2:9 Ephesians 5:8

2. God has given us the gift of a son!

3. God has given us the gift of a kingdom!

vs 6 Isaiah 2:4

Isaiah 11:6-9 vs 7

Romans 14:17