

A Child Is Born
Isaiah 9:1-7

Review:

1. Christ is our Wonderful Counselor, shining the light of God's truth into the darkness and confusion of our sin
2. Christ is the Prince of Peace, bringing victory over sin and death, and ruling with perfect justice and righteousness
3. Christ is the Mighty God, so only He can save us and speak perfect truth to us.

Go Further: Read Isaiah 8:5-22

1. According to verse 6, the people refused the waters of Shiloah, which probably refers to a stream near the city of Jerusalem. In verse 7, what water did God promise would swallow them up instead?
2. Verse 6 says the people rejoiced in Rezin and the son of Remaliah, the rulers of Syria and Israel (Isaiah 7:1). Which king does verse 7 say the Lord will bring over them instead?
3. Verses 7 and 8 compare the power of this king to a flood-swollen river. How far do verses 7 and 8 predict that his power will extend?
4. What does Isaiah say will happen to all the peoples from far countries in verse 9? Why do you think he repeats this idea three times?
5. What does Isaiah say in verse 10 will happen to the nations' counsels and schemes?
6. Why will the nations' plans to oppose God's people fail so miserably?
7. How did God tell Isaiah to distinguish himself from the rest of the people in verse 11?
8. How did God tell Isaiah to respond to the peoples' threats, and their accusations that he was conspiring with the Assyrians?
9. Who does God say that Isaiah should fear in verse 13?
10. To whom does God promise to be a sanctuary in verse 14?
11. How does God say both houses of Israel will react to Him instead?
12. In verse 15, what does God predict will happen to those who stumble over His authority and truth?
13. In verse 16, what does God want to happen to His Word? Why do you think God would want this?
14. For Whom does Isaiah say he will wait and hope in verse 17? How does he say his relationship to God is different from that of the rest of the house of Jacob?
15. How does verse 18 say that Isaiah and his followers will be seen by the rest of the people of Israel?
16. From whom does verse 19 say that many people seek truth?
17. In contrast, what does Isaiah indicate in verse 20 to be the only reliable source of truth?
18. Why does Isaiah say in verse 20 that some people reject God's Word?
19. How does Isaiah describe the condition of the people in verse 21? Whom will they blame for their condition?
20. What does Isaiah say that those who reject the Lord will see all around them on the earth?

Apply:

1. Aside from Christ, what sorts of things are you tempted to place your faith in? Have those things satisfied you or let you down?
2. Can you think of a time when going along with the crowd led you into a bad situation?
3. How has focusing on the truth and promises of God's Word helped to bolster your faith?