

MESSAGE

Occasion : Christmas Sunday
Theme : Christmas
Venue : LighthouseBBC Tatalon
Date : December 24, 2017

TITLE : **ISAIAH 9:6**
Text/s :

Isa 9:6

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
KJV

Bible Reading :

Luke 2:1-16

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

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Song/s : Who Am I / Joy to the World / Hark the Herald Angels sing

Other references :

INTRODUCTION

When people say that Christmas is for children and gift giving, the saying is premised on the "child is born" and a "son is given." Ironically, however, this is all that is remembered and nothing more so that the child that is born remains a child and the son that is given is left to himself without being accepted. And it is amazing how that the prophet seemingly know how the born-child and the gift-son is accepted that he writes the character of the same so that we would give value to His person - but we would not.

The world continuously tries to erase the born-child and the gift-son in Christmas. It has left the celebration merely just an "xmas" without the Christ. It has made people busy with hilarity, shoppings, parties, exchange gifts, bonuses, entertainment as if saying, "Forget the child born and the son given." The piety that is left to people is but a shallow show of tradition rather than a sincere thanksgiving and worship to God for sending His Son.

BODY

A) The "unto us a child is born" is an expression of the joy that is for us to behold and lay hands on

- it is a wonderful, joyful experience to have a child born into a family
- it is so gratifying that the mother forgets all the pain in the delivery
- it is a very precious moment to carry that child, embrace him in your arms with the thought that he is yours (illus the two women who fought for one child)
- the joy is the same for men everywhere and however their conditions are
- it is when everyone prepares and makes adjustments in the home
- it is finally a relief after a long wait

The was joy and praises indeed when Christ was born, Lu. 2:10-14,20

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Luke 2:20

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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B) The "unto a us a son is given" is an expression of a very precious gift that is for us to acknowledge and receive.

- no loving person would give his son away. The son is not given away - making
- the gift so very precious
- giving results to gaining the gift - there is gain out of the "gift son." What have we gained in Christmas?
- it is responsible, living gift, a performance out of the gift
- it is an expression of sacrifice
- it is an expression of a promise fulfilled, of hope that is come

1 Cor 2:12

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

(KJV)

Rom 8:32

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

(KJV)

I Jn 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
(KJV)

C) The "Wonderful Counsellor"

- Wonderful indicates "supernatural." It marvelous with much accomplishment, full of wondrous works
- Counsellor indicates advise, counsel, purpose, wisdom

1) Christ was Wonderful in his

a) testimony and works

- miracles
- word (he hath the words of eternal life)
- sacrifice
- resurrection
- ascension
- second coming
- in his reign (Isa. 10:2)

What a Saviour

b) Counsel

- the Bread of Life to the hungry soul
- the Wather of Life to the thirsty
- the Defender to the weak
- the Shepherd to the wayward sheep
- the Great Physican to the sick
- the Teacher to the unlearned
- the Light and sight to the blind
- the Restorer of the penitent
- the consoler to the down-hearted
- the Resurrection and Life to the dead

D) The "Mighty God"

The champion, hero, the victorious

- 1) Christ is the Mighty God of our salvation
- 2) He is our Champion, robed in white, with height exceeding the heavens, with weight outweighs the world, with reach reaching everywhere, his age is evermore He stands higher thn the heavens, greater than the great
- 3) The Father Himself declares "Thy Throne, O God" (Heb. 1:8)
- 4) He is victorious over sin and death (I Cor. 15:54-57)

1 Cor 15:54-57

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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- 5) He has overcome the world

E) The Everlasting Father

- 1) The Messiah is the Eternal Father to His people, ever guarding, supplying, caring for their needs
- 2) The Father who constantly waits for the son to come home ready to spread his arms of love, to clothe, to bathe to put a ring, to put shoes and to prepare a feast for a repentant heart

F) The Prince of Peace

- 1) The One who brings peace in the fullest sense of wholeness, prosperity and tranquility
- 2) He is our peace (Eph. 2:12-18)

Eph 2:12-19

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

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John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

(KJV)

Rom 5:1

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

(KJV)

**LET US KNOW MORE OF CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS THAN ANY OTHER TIME.
LET US MAKE HIM WHAT HE WOULD WANT TO BE TO OUR HEARTS.
LET US GIVE OF OURSELVES AS NEVER BEFORE.**

CONCLUSION