

Advent Sunday ~ Sunday, November 28, 2021

“The Questions of Advent ~

Isaiah: How Can I Have Hope When All Seems Lost?”

Isaiah 9:1-7

700 years before the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah had a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_—God pulled back the curtain on the future, and gave him a glimpse of the  
One whose birth would be the \_\_\_\_\_ of history. Jesus’ original birth  
announcement, spoken by the prophet, comes as a promise of \_\_\_\_\_ in a  
time of deep darkness and despair for God’s people.

### THE 3 FOLD HOPE IN ISAIAH 9

#### #1. \_\_\_\_\_ in darkness.

“Nevertheless, that time of **darkness and despair will not go on forever**. The land  
of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future  
when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan  
and the sea, will be filled with glory. The people who walk in darkness will see a  
great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.” (Isaiah  
9:1-2)

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will  
have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

#### #2. \_\_\_\_\_ from suffering.

“For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their  
shoulders. You will break the oppressor’s rod, just as you did when you destroyed  
the army of Midian.” (Isaiah 9:4)

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give  
you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble  
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden  
is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

#### #3. The indescribable \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his  
shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

The great truths of this passage will fail to have their full effect on us unless they  
are \_\_\_\_\_.

Both Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are described here.

#1. Wonderful Counselor. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

Wonderful = *pele* =

In the Bible ‘pele’ often refers to the supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

“The Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.” (Psalm 118:23)

### JESUS IS WONDERFULLY WONDERFUL IN 4 WAYS

#### • Jesus is wonderful in His \_\_\_\_\_.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was  
God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him  
was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:1-5)

#### • Jesus is wonderful in His \_\_\_\_\_.

“The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in  
the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know  
him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.” (John  
1:9-11)

As the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Jesus’ life reflected all the divine attributes of  
God:

Like God, His love was:

Like God He was omniscient or \_\_\_\_\_.

Like God, He was omnipotent or \_\_\_\_\_.

#### • Jesus is wonderful in His \_\_\_\_\_.

“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become  
children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the  
will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we  
have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”  
(John 1:11-14)

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child  
conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name  
him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

When Scripture refers to Jesus as ‘Wonderful’ Counselor, it means:

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

**Is Jesus my Wonderful Counselor?**

**Do I see Him as someone who understands, better than anyone else, what life is all about?**

**#2. Mighty God. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Mighty = *gibbor* =**

“Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.” (Psalm 24:8)

“For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together...For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell.” (Colossians 1:15-16; 19)

These verses not only affirm the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, they also tell us that He was the One who \_\_\_\_\_ all things.

**Is Jesus my Mighty God?**

**Do I trust that He’s able to do what He has promised?**

**Do I believe that He is bigger than all my problems?**

**#3. Everlasting Father. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Everlasting =

“Before Abraham was born, I am!” (John 5:8)

### **3 REASONS WHY JESUS IS OUR EVERLASTING FATHER**

- **Jesus is our Everlasting Father because He has given us \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- **Jesus is our Everlasting Father because He \_\_\_\_\_ for us.**  
“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

- **Jesus is our Everlasting Father because He \_\_\_\_\_ us.**  
“My child, don’t reject the Lord’s discipline, and don’t be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.” (Proverbs 3:11-12)

**Is Jesus my Everlasting Father?**

**Do you feel distanced from Him; orphaned or insecure?  
Or do you find security and rest in His comforting embrace?**

**#4. Prince of Peace. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Prince =

**Peace = *shalom* =**

### **3 AREAS OF SHALOM PEACE**

- **Peace with \_\_\_\_\_ . This is the \_\_\_\_\_ dimension.**  
“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” (Romans 5:1)

- **Peace within \_\_\_\_\_ . This takes place \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

- **Peace with \_\_\_\_\_ . This is the \_\_\_\_\_ dimension.**  
“And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.” (James 3:18)

“He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely for then his greatness will reach the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.” (Micah 5:4-5)

**Is Jesus my Prince of Peace?**

**Do you long to experience His shalom?**