

The Prince of Peace

Read: Isaiah 9:6-7

Main Idea: In Christ, the Prince of Peace, we find hope and assurance that we are not alone in our troubles and that His reign will overcome the darkness of our circumstances.

Key Verses: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **(Isaiah 9:6)**

Key Principles:

- God's Messiah enters history as a child born in human form, yet as a divine son given by grace, reversing the gloom of judgment and fulfilling the Davidic covenant.
- The child's divine titles express His wisdom for guidance, power for deliverance, care for provision, and peacemaking rule.
- His arrival transforms darkness into light, bringing joy through victory over oppression and the promise of a reunited kingdom under ideal leadership.
- The prophecy anticipates the incarnation of God in Christ, where human weakness meets divine strength, pointing to ultimate redemption.
- God's zeal ensures the kingdom's endless expansion in justice and peace, accomplished through the Messiah's eternal throne.
- The gospel reveals Christ as the true light, inviting all to faith in His death and resurrection for personal and cosmic restoration.

Discussion:

1. How does Isaiah's prophecy of a child born in humility yet given as a divine son show God's plan to enter our broken world?
2. In what ways have cultural or personal confusions hindered your walk with God, and how can Christ as Wonderful Counselor provide clarity and direction?
3. What conflicts or oppressions do you face? How does seeing Christ as Mighty God and Everlasting Father strengthen your trust in His protection and care?
4. How does the title Prince of Peace address division and hostility in relationships, and what practical steps can we take to reflect His reconciling rule in our daily lives?
5. Why is the Messiah's government centered on justice and righteousness essential for overcoming human failures in leadership?
6. How does God's zeal to accomplish the Messiah's eternal reign motivate you to pursue peace and hope today? Share how this truth assures you amid darkness.

Prayer:

- Pray for the light of Christ to overcome your personal darkness and division.
- Pray for:
 - Guidance from the Wonderful Counselor to navigate confusion with wisdom.
 - Shelter from the Mighty God and compassion from the Everlasting Father.
 - Boldness to share the Prince of Peace's kingdom of justice and hope with others.

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- I. He is marvelous in how He came. **9:6****
1. He came in lowly humanity.
 2. He came in lofty deity.
- II. He is majestic in who He is. **9:6****
1. He is a wise counselor who solves my confusion.
 2. He is a worthy defender who shelters me from conflict.
 3. He is a watchful father who showers me with compassion.
 4. He is a wonderful comforter who soothes my conscience.
- III. He is mighty in what He will do. **9:6-7****
1. He will rule completely **9:6**
 2. He will rule eternally. **9:7**
 3. He will rule powerfully. **9:7**

NEXT WEEK:
The King of Kings
Revelation 19:11-21