

Immanuel: Our Gift of Joy

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Setting (Isa. 10)

- Isaiah is telling the Israel not to fear the Assyrian empire
 - For God will raise up another power to judge them
- This cycle is part of God's plan
 - But the day is coming when the cycle will end

Hope (11:1-5)

- God will raise up a king from the line of Jesse
 - Jesse was the father of David
 - “Shoot from a stump”
- He will reign by God's Spirit (John 1:32 NIV)
- He will reign with:
 - Wisdom & Power (Matt. 13:54)
 - Fear of the Lord (Luke 12:4-5)
 - Justice for the poor (Luke 4:17-20; quoting Isa. 61:1-2)

Peace (v. 6-8)

- This king will bring about peace
 - Not just among the nations
 - But throughout all of creation
- And He will come as a child (v. 6b)
 - Literally: “a little boy”

Joy (v. 9-10)

- This coming peace means current joy for God's people
- Joy: Looking beyond our current circumstances to God's promises in Jesus
- Which comes from knowledge of the LORD (v. 7b)
 - Knowledge: Relationship with God

So What?

- Jesus is God's gift of joy
- When we have a relationship with Him:
 - We have hope for the rooted in the past
 - Because we have peace in the present
 - And we look forward with joy to the future where He will right ever wrong
- He is Immanuel, God with us

Meditation Verse: Luke 2:10-11