

LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

SERMON SERIES: ADVENT

Sermon Message: Expectation—Hoping God's Promises Will Be Fulfilled

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Public Reading: Luke 2:10-11

Next Week's Text: Matthew 1:18-25

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES...

THE _____ OF CHRIST

Isaiah 9:1-3 (Pew Bible page 573)

THE _____ OF CHRIST

Isaiah 9:4-5 (Pew Bible page 573)

THE _____ OF CHRIST

Isaiah 9:6-7 (Pew Bible page 573)

**WE CAN LIVE WITH HOPE EXALTING GOD IN AND
EXPECTING GOD TO FULFILL HIS _____.**

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A C L O S E R L O O K

I s a i a h 9 : 1 - 7

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah waited for the Messiah King who would deliver Israel and bring justice to the nations. In this passage, Isaiah typifies the great expectations that the Old Testament held for about the coming Messiah:

- Restoration of Israel (v1-3)
- Redemption from Israel's Oppressors (v4-5)
- A King who will Lead (v6)
- A King who will Love (v7)

What would it have been like to have been an Old Testament believer who was faithfully awaiting the Messiah King? What challenges might you have faced?

In this passage, Isaiah speaks of a future hope for the people of God. According to v1-5, what will this hope look like?

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

*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.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

- 1. Look at the descriptions of Jesus in v6. Spend some time discussing the meaning and significance of each term.**
- 2. What does this passage say about the divinity of Jesus? How does this passage help prepare Israel for Jesus' arrival?**
- 3. According to v7, what will be the characteristics of the kingdom of Christ? What is the significance of this description?**
- 4. According to v7, who will accomplish the fulfillment of this promise? What is the significance of this statement and how does it impact your life today?**