

“Christ’s Glorious Kingdom”

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV)

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At a Navigator’s Christmas Party, we sang,

“King Jesus is all, my all and all. I know He’ll answer, me when I call!

Walking by my side, I’m satisfied, King Jesus is all, my all and all.”

*Verse :6 of Isaiah 9 “**For unto us a Child is born**” speaks of Christ’s birth, His taking human flesh.*

***The Son being given** part is a reference to His being God!*

***Wonderful Counselor** to His miracles, teaching, preaching, and speaking.*

***Mighty God** means hero God and speaks His heroic act, redeeming us from sin and death.*

***Everlasting Father** is a reference to His eternal being*

*and **Prince of Peace** is a reference to His bringing “peace” to us, His people.*

***The government being on His shoulder** means He is our King and the KING of kings!*

I have spoken to these things many times, so today I thought I would put more emphasis on verse :7 which speaks to the character of Christ’s Kingdom.

I. *His kingdom is an increasing kingdom -*

⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be no end,*
Isaiah 9:7 A

1. *His kingdom on earth started with His birth when He was placed in a manger –*

⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (NKJV)

A. *Now, before He was even conceived in Mary's womb the Angel told Mary He would be King and more –*

³⁰ Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”
Luke 1:30-33

B. *The prophet Daniel had prophesied an increasing kingdom –*

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Daniel 2:44 (NKJV)

C. *Christ's kingdom starts as a stone but becomes a great mountain -*

And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. Daniel 2: 35 (NKJV)

2. *Jesus Himself spoke of His Kingdom increasing –*

³³ Another parable He spoke to them: “**The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.**” Matthew 13:33 (NKJV)

3. *The kingdom is different from others in how it increases –*

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (NKJV)

“For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.”

Ernest W. Shurtleff (Lead On, O King Eternal)

II. His Kingdom is a “peace” bringing, peace increasing kingdom -

Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Isaiah 9:6B – 7 A

1. *Peace with God is what He attained for us with His cross –*

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

2. *Peace is what He speaks first to His apostles after His resurrection –*

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” John 20:19 (NKJV)

3. *Promised Peace is part of the greeting of the Angel who announced Christ’s birth –*

¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, goodwill toward men!” Luke 2:10–14 (NKJV)

4. However, peace is not with sin or sinner, or in any way promised / offered to the unrepentant -

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare... 2 Corinthians 10:4 A

⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. 2 Corinthians 10:6 (NKJV)

A. Isaiah tells us –

²² “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.” Isaiah 48:22 (NKJV)

²¹ “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.” Isaiah 57:21 (NKJV)

B. Jesus Himself told us –

⁵¹ Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³ Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.” Luke 12:51–53 (NKJV)

Jesus’ peace is not a “peace” with sin! Nor is it a “peace” for unrepentant sinners!

It does not make homosexuality, or abortion or murder or adultery or any other sin, OKAY.

III. His Kingdom is Davidic –

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,... Isaiah 9:7

1. This does not mean that Jesus would rule ONLY JEWISH people, or that this was ever God’s only intention –

⁶ Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ” Isaiah 49:6 (NKJV)

2. *David was part Gentile himself –*

²¹ **Ruth the Moabitess ... Ruth 2:21 (NKJV)** *a Gentile, was David's great grandmother -*

¹³ **So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Ruth 4:13 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ **... And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David. Ruth 4:17 (NKJV)**

3. *David's kingdom is not physical descendants, but spiritual, those who share David's heart for God –*

²² **And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'**

²³ **From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus— Acts 13:22–23 (NKJV)**

A. *What made David special was not that he was an Israelite, so was king Saul, who was rejected, but he was **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.***

B. *Jesus Himself says so -*

²⁰ **And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." ²¹ But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it." Luke 8:20–21 (NKJV)**

C. *It is Jesus' obedience to God's Word that is key to Christ's kingdom –*

⁸ **And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.**

⁹ **Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11**

Christ's obedience is meant to be an example for us – before Philippians 2:8 is Philippians 2:8

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, Philipians 2:5 (NKJV)

And Philipians 2:8-11 is followed by -

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure. Philipians 2:12–13 (NKJV)

IV. His Kingdom is ordered and established with judgment and justice -

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice... Isaiah 9:7 C

1. *This is in stark contrast to the lies, crime and corruption module which we are currently seeing now in our country, chaos and disorder are Satan's ways, he attacks godly government, for instance family government.*

A. God's way -

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “*Honor your father and mother,*” which is the first commandment with promise: ³ “*that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*” Ephesians 6:1–3 (NKJV)

B. Satan's way -

³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Romans 1:30 (NKJV)

2. *The judgment and justice Christ brings starts not with politicians but church-attending, Bible-believing, we-will-do-God's-will, Christians, we pray –*

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

V. *His kingdom is forever, eternal –*

There will be no end, ... From that time forward, even forever. Isaiah 9:7

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)

When Christ returns there will no longer be elections!

VI. *God’s zeal will accomplish this –*

...The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:7 (NKJV)

1. *God’s zeal, His jealousy* קִנְיָהּ (*qin’â*), N. *jealousy, zeal*.

“Though the kingdom of Christ is in such a condition that it appears as if it were about to perish at every moment, yet God not only protects and defends it, but also extends its boundaries far and wide, and then preserves and carries it forward in uninterrupted progression to *eternity*.” John Calvin

2. *God as the LORD of Hosts – the God of Armies –*

God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh, can He get Him there? What resources did God have available to accomplish His purpose?

A. *Wind –*

⁴ But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. Jonah 1:4 (NKJV)

B. *Fearing sailors –*

¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows. Jonah 1:15–16 (NKJV)

C. A great fish –

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. **2** Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. **Jonah 1:17–2:1 (NKJV)**

*God used these things, including the reluctant prophet Jonah himself, to bring salvation to the people of Nineveh. **Revelation 11:15** is a certainty!*

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