The Blessings of the Coming Messiah Isaiah 11:1-9 December 18, 2022

Who loves a Grinch?

I want there to be peace on earth and I am not alone. But how?

What were the times like when Isaiah was a prophet?

What hope did Isaiah hold out for them?

Context of this Promise

Assyria was God's instrument to bring Covenant Judgment

Assyria destroyed the northern tribes in 722 BC.

Jerusalem under siege in 701BC

Hezekiah prayed; God heard.

Summary of Isaiah 10

The Preparation of the Coming King

Who was Jesse?

The line of David kings carried the hope of the promise.

The Stump of Jesse

The Presence and Power of the Spirit

When humanity is indwell by the Spirit, great things happen. Expand

Wisdom and Understanding; Counsel and Might; Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord.

The Character of the Coming King

Righteous Discernment

Righteous Judgment

Injustice bothers us.

The active power that will change the world is the true Word of God.

Knowing and acting on it will bring peace on earth.

The Blessings of the Coming King

The curse of creation is reversed.

Do you have a toddler on your Christmas list?

Earth filled with the Knowledge of God.

Isaiah looks beyond his present, disappointing age to a future blessing.

Future hope yields present strength and comfort.