

Isaiah's Prophecy Fulfilled

Sermon 6 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 4:15-17; Isaiah 9:1-7

I. A Prophetic Ministry 4:12-17

Jesus was primarily a preacher! 23-25

Capernaum was on the banks of the Sea of Galilee, and became His base of operations. It was a thriving seaport city with 240 surrounding villages.

Jesus ministry was prophetic – as Jesus takes up the task of a prophet. A prophet proclaims to the people what God has said.

II. A Prophetic Ministry -- Isaiah 9:1-7

A. The Setting of the Prophecy 8:16-9:1a

B. Three Promises – Isaiah 9:1-7

1. Light – v. 1b

The area of greatest darkness will be blessed by the greatest light

2. Growth – v. 2-3

- Abraham is the father of many nations
- – his seed shall be like the sands on the seashore
- Abraham is the spiritual father of ALL the faithful, all those who look to Christ alone for salvation.

Romans 4 makes this plain.

Abraham was justified by faith while STILL uncircumcised.

Gal. 3:29 – “And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

3. Freedom – v. 4-5

Defeat of our enemies and glorious liberty.

This liberty that can only be found in Christ.

C. The One who will fulfill These Promises Isaiah 9:6-7

1. His Description v. 6

a. Wonderful Counselor

Wonderful – describes what only God can do.

It is a title of deity. The Angel of the Lord – the pre-incarnate Christ came to Manoah – Samson’s father -- Judges 13:18 “And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask My name, seeing it *is wonderful?*” that is -- “Incomprehensible to man”.

Counselor -- to be a Counselor takes wisdom.

Christ with wisdom far exceeding the wisdom of Solomon.

Colossians 2:3 – “in whom (Christ) are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

b. Mighty God

A further elaboration of His deity. Isaiah 10:21

c. Everlasting Father

He is our elder brother – but in so many ways – the Messiah acts toward us as a father.

Isa. 63:16 -- You, O Lord, are our Father;
Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

Psalms 103:13 -- As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

d. Prince of Peace

The One who ends our warfare with God!

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

2. His Fulfillment v. 7

David was promised that he would have a Son on his throne forever.

This is fulfilled by the never dying Christ -- ruling and reigning forever and ever. David’s son yet David’s Lord.

God’s Word never fails.