

Come for Christmas and Have a New Day

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”
Isaiah 9:6-7

On your left and on your right, everyone is greeting or inviting you for Christmas and New Year. But, what is actually the invitation all about? The above passages are well-known scriptures of the Bible that many people simply claim as the reason for Christmas celebration. But, it would be more exciting to know that these are only part of the prophecy about Jesus’ birth written by Isaiah, between 715-687 years before His birth. **“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”** (Isaiah 7:14) Jesus was born to a virgin. He was called “Immanuel” which means God with us. His place of birth was in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2*) He was called “Nazarene” for He live in a town called Nazareth. (Matthew 2:23*)

God had promised His people to send them a Saviour or Deliverer –to stand for them against their enemies, to deliver them from the hands of their oppressors, and to reign over them as King. The prophecy of Isaiah best described the Promised Saviour:

- 1) **To us a child is born:** The child was born to a young virgin who was pledged to be married to Joseph, whom an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said, **“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”**
- 2) **To us a son is given:** A son means belonging to a family. Isaiah was saying, **“for us”** which mean that he does not belong to only one family or few families but he belongs to the whole big family –the family of God. The people who accept and believe in the Son and follow God’s laws are called the family of God, whom a son is given.
- 3) **The government will be on his shoulder:** It means that this Saviour is a King and carries the burden of God’s family, responsible and accountable for His people. **“Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.”** His kingdom has no end and not limited to any geographic distribution, **“establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness.”** His reign is peculiar in regard that His kingdom is from heaven. It is the kingdom of God who upholds justice and righteousness. This King, by conclusion is no other than God who reigns over His people.

And how long this King reigns? **“From that time on and forever”** simply because the King is God Himself. Jesus as Governor does not carry a sword or a javelin to fight His enemy. But Jesus as a King sets His people free from sins that oppress them. Human is sinful from birth and slave to multiple types of sin; anger adultery, bribe, jealousy, murder, etc. Human suffer and ultimately are slaves under the power of sin. But Jesus frees His people from sin by His death, shedding His blood on the cross. By this He abolishes the power of sin and death from affecting the human life. Those who invite Jesus to reign over their lives they live forever with Him in His kingdom as He says, **“because I live you shall live.”**

4) **He will be called-**

- a) **Wonderful:** Jesus did wonderful acts; He opened the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. He made the mute talk, the paralytics walk, he made people rose from death, he drove out demons. He multiplied the bread and fish, and fed five thousand people. He calmed the wind, walked over the sea. He chose to obey and die on the cross, and wonderfully rose up from death on the third day. What He did, no one had done before or after Him.
- b) **Counselor:** Jesus is a faithful friend, a source of comfort and consolation in all circumstances. He promises to those who believe in Him name, **“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”** To those who believe in Jesus, the Lord visits them continually by the Holy Spirit; He answers their questions; He listens to them and gives them wisdom and guidance.
- c) **Mighty God:** Everything described in the Bible about Jesus, never can be done unless He Himself is the Mighty God.
- d) **Everlasting Father:** How can it be that He is a son and addressed as a Father? Because God is the Father of His big family. He became a Son, His name is Jesus, **“He shall be called Immanuel –God with us.”** (Matthew 1:23*) Further, the Bible simply explains that anyone who receives Jesus with such understanding is receiving God the Father.
- e) **Prince of Peace:** After all the above description, we easily can say that when Jesus enters the life of a person, He gives peace: Peace with God, peace with family, relatives and neighbours; and peace that reigns over the heart of a believer in Jesus at any circumstance whether good or bad.

My dear and beloved: We know that whatever God promised, He would surely accomplish it but in His own proper time, and not on human wishes or man’s program. Christmas will not be of value to you unless you are aware, and eagerly trying to understand and accept the real purpose of Jesus’ coming to earth. Will you allow Him to enter your heart and to reign over your personal life? Will you start a new beginning as you come to Jesus the Saviour this day? **“Lord Jesus, You were born in a manger and suffered on the cross for me. Forgive me my sins. Please come into my heart and take full control of my life. I wish to have new life with You today and forever.”**
Amen.

HAPPY NEW DAY!

*Please read your Bible