

## ISAIAH: JUDGMENT AND HOPE

### 13. Isaiah 11:10-12:6

#### The Messiah — His Kingdom — The Song of Salvation

#### REVIEW

**Isaiah 11** picked up the promises of the Messiah we saw in **Chapter 7** (the promise of Immanuel/God With Us) and **Chapter 9** (the promise of child born, a son given)

*Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

*Isaiah 9:6–7 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.*

*<sup>7</sup>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.*

**Chapter 11** began with Isaiah telling us **the origin** of the Messiah; that He would come directly from the line of David — fulfilling the Covenant God made with Abraham and David.

*Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

The imagery not only identifies the Messiah as a descendant of David — it reveals the infinite humility of the Messiah. Messiah would come from the seemingly dead stump of Israel. When Jesus the Messiah was born the house of David son of Jesse was reduced to nothing more than a stump in a forest.

The character of the Messiah and the trademark of His Kingdom will be humility. Humility is the very essence of the world everyone is longing for. We noted that those who know the Messiah now and, belong to the Messiah's Kingdom now, should be like salt provoking thirst for such a King and such a world!

In **verses 2-3** we looked at the **character** and the **work** of the Messiah.

**<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,**

By way of Isaiah God reveals the nature of the relationship of between the Holy Spirit and the Messiah — not only in His first coming — but also in His millennial rule

This relationship is laid out in three pairs:

Wisdom and Understanding for governance

Counsel and Might/Power for ruling

Knowledge and the Fear of the LORD for spiritual leadership

We walked through each pair — (check the on-line resources)

**<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;**

The Messiah will **judge** the world. But He won't be like an ordinary judge. He will judge with complete impartially. He will judge in perfect righteousness. In the Kingdom of the Messiah the needy and the poor will never be oppressed because He will NEVER let them be oppressed like they are in the kingdoms of man. The needy and the poor will never be deprived of justice — Instead they will be the beneficiaries of His justice. In the Messiah's Kingdom EVERYONE will be the beneficiaries of His justice.

**and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.**

In other words — **everything** the Messiah does is touched by His righteousness and justice.

In **verses 6-9** we saw that **the Messiah's Kingdom will involve the Redemption of Creation** —

When the Messiah reigns, **nature** will be transformed. There will no longer be predators among the animals — animals we know as carnivores will be only herbivores. Not only will the way animals relate to each other be changed, but the way they relate to humans will be changed.

Then we saw **how** and **why** nature will behave like that?

**for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

The **knowledge of the LORD** — this is not merely an intellectual knowledge. Humanity and the earth itself will be full of the knowledge of the Lord in a relational sense. The idea is that people everywhere will live according to God's principles and Word. Nature itself will be affected in the Millennium when the Messiah will be reigning.

**We closed with an OBSERVATION and an APPLICATION**

**OBSERVATION** —

**THIS** is what we're praying for every time we've prayed, *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. We're praying for the time when Jesus the Messiah will return from heaven and sit on the throne of David

**APPLICATION**

**QUOTE:** **Martyn Lloyd-Jones** — *the Church is an expression of the kingdom but is not to be equated with it.*

In other words — we should live and move in the world in a way that looks like the heart of the Messiah. We should be informed and shaped, not by our opinions or political views — but by the *the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

We should be champion the things the Messiah will champion. Justice. Care for the environment.

**We pick up tonight in Chapter 11, verse 10**

**Isaiah 11:10–16 (ESV) In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—**

**Isaiah 11:10 (NLT) In that day the heir to David’s throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him, and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.**

The Kingdom of the Messiah will be marked by tremendous diversity. While the Messiah and His glorious Kingdom of righteousness, justice and peace have their origin in God’s Covenant with Abraham — God never intended that the Messiah and His Kingdom were exclusively intended the descendants of Abraham.

*Genesis 12:1–3 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

If you’re a Christian — you have been saved INTO the Kingdom of Jesus, the Messiah. But we need to see that His Kingdom is now and yet future. Today His Kingdom is being established in the world — and expressed in the world — one heart at a time. But we are also looking forward to the promised return of Jesus and the establishment of His Kingdom righteousness and justice and peace as described here in Isaiah 11 (and elsewhere in Scripture). So, as citizens of His Kingdom now, we need to embrace the scope of His Kingdom which is so counter-intuitive to individualism and tribalism. Christians, individually, and the local church as a community should reflect how BIG and truly DIVERSE the Kingdom of the Messiah is. Individually — and as members of a community of believers we should reflect how BIG and truly DIVERSE the Kingdom of the Messiah is. Let’ think about what that looks like in our demographic context. Roseville does not possess much ethnic diversity. But with our lives and with the message we

declare, we should be loving **all** peoples in a way that puts the heir to David's throne on display like a banner over our cities. The way we love one another as a community of believers — and love everyone within our city should show the heart of the Messiah and be His voice rallying all people to Him.

**of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. <sup>11</sup>In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people,**

There was surely going to be the recovery of a remnant from captivity in Babylon. But this is looking to a greater and yet future exodus. The ultimate fulfillment will be at the end of the age when Messiah regathers the Jewish people, delivering them from multiple nations where they've been dispersed.

**from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. <sup>12</sup>He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**

**<sup>13</sup>The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.**

Remember the way the untied kingdom of Israel became divided?

***1 Kings 12:15–16 (NLT)** So the king paid no attention to the people. This turn of events was the will of the Lord, for it fulfilled the Lord's message to Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh. <sup>16</sup>When all Israel realized that the king had refused to listen to them, they responded, "Down with the dynasty of David! We have no interest in the son of Jesse. Back to your homes, O Israel! Look out for your own house, O David!" So the people of Israel returned home.... <sup>20</sup>When the people of Israel learned of Jeroboam's return from Egypt, they called an assembly and made him king over all Israel. So only the tribe of Judah remained loyal to the family of David.*

The centuries-long hostilities between the Northern Kingdom and Southern Kingdoms will come to an end — **because** there will be no dispute over who should be king.

*Isaiah 9:6–7 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.*

*<sup>7</sup>**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.*

**<sup>14</sup>But they (united Israel) shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west** (present day Palestinian territory of Gaza), **and together they shall plunder the people of the east** (present day Arab states). **They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them,**

Under the rule of Jesus, the Messiah Israel will no longer be bothered by these or other enemies

**<sup>15</sup>And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals.**

Again — a reference to the Exodus from Egypt. The idea is that there is NO obstacle that can stand in God’s way when He gathers His people.

**<sup>16</sup>And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.**

This word “highway” is one of Isaiah’s favorite images.

When we hear the word *highway* we think a level and smooth road to travel on. When the Messiah gathers His people from the nations, He makes the way for them — **as** He made a highway through the Red Sea. The Red Sea was a seemingly impossible obstacle to the Israelites — But He removed that obstacle. He will do that in an even great way when He gathers the descendants of Abraham from the nations.

I pray we will remember this whenever we sing the lyric, “You’re the waymaker!”

But Isaiah has more to say about this *highway*.

*Isaiah 35:8 (ESV) And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.*

WOW! The context of Isaiah's ministry makes this declaration SO RADICAL. Isaiah was speaking to the descendants of Abraham about the certain judgment that was heading their way because they had abandoned YHWH for idols. He was speaking to men and women whose descendants would reject and crucify the Messiah in His first coming and as result be scattered into nations. Yet God, through Isaiah, is proclaiming this radical word of hope. God saw a sinful nation that would one day walk the "highway of holiness" in the Kingdom of the Messiah. He saw a people ravaged by the consequences of idolatry who would one day enjoy a beautiful and peaceful kingdom. He saw a scattered people who would be regathered and reunited under the kingship of Jesus, the Christ; the Messiah.

Though we are not Israel — are not this gathered remnant — we can surely identify with every bit of their sin — and the Gospel tells us that God wants us to be a part of His glorious Kingdom.

**Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV) You will say in that day:**

**"You"** — the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is regathered. This is Israel singing! Though we are not Israel — we can sing these same things!

**"In that day"** — when they will have come through the time of tribulation on earth referred to as "the time of Jacob's trouble" in Jeremiah 30:7.

*Jeremiah 30:1–8 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:*

*<sup>2</sup>"Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. <sup>3</sup>For behold, days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the Lord, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it." <sup>4</sup>These are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: <sup>5</sup>"Thus says the Lord: We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and*

*no peace. <sup>6</sup>Ask now, and see, can a man bear a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor? Why has every face turned pale? <sup>7</sup>Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it. <sup>8</sup>“And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him.*

In that day the Messiah is seated on the throne of David ruling over the gathered remnant of the Jews, and the entire world.

**You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD (YHWH), for** (here’s the reason WHY the remnant is worshipping the Messiah — fits so perfectly with our study yesterday morning on WHY we worship) **though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.**

The anger of God — the wrath of God — is turned away from **us** — not because God suddenly had a change of mind about sin (like He figured out He had it wrong on what is good/bad — right/wrong); not because enough time has lapsed and He’s just “over it.”

His anger — His wrath — is turned away from us **because** it was poured out upon Jesus the Messiah in His first coming.

THIS SONG of the gathered remnant is their response to grace! **WORSHIP IS A SINNER’S RESPONSE TO GRACE!**

**<sup>2</sup>“Behold,**

The gathered remnant is so excited about what God has done that they want the rest of the world to **behold** the work of the LORD. Though we are not Israel we can echo that same invitation to the unbelieving world around us!

**<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;**

To say God is my salvation is also to say, “I am not my salvation. My good works, my good intentions do not save me. God is my salvation.” The worshipping



remnant is so utterly overwhelmed by that truth that at the end of the verse they say that He — YHWH — has become my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation; **I will trust, and will not be afraid;**

He is a declaration of action based on a decision. There’s a difference between *feelings* of trust and a *decision* to trust. The worshipper is saying: “*I will trust and not be afraid.*”

**QUOTE: Spurgeon** — “*The talk about trying to believe is a mere pretense. But whether pretense or no, let me remind you that there is no text in the Bible which says, ‘Try and believe,’ but it says ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.’ He is the Son of God, he has proved it by his miracles, he died to save sinners, therefore trust him; he deserves implicit trust and child-like confidence. Will you refuse him these? Then you have maligned his character and given him the lie.*”

**for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”**

The decision to trust is rooted in the object of trust. By the way — FAITH is not subjective. FAITH is objective. We place trust in someone — something. They’re singing that the OBJECT of their trust is YHWH, the self-sufficient, eternal, omnipotent, omniscient creator. The decision to trust and not be afraid is rooted in the strength of YHWH. The decision to trust and not be afraid is rooted in the fact that YHWH Himself has become salvation (Jesus = YHWH has become salvation). When YHWH Himself is our salvation, we **can** trust and not be afraid. Paul repeats the same idea when he writes in

*Romans 5:1 (NLT) Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*

YHWH is not only the worshipper’s salvation — He is also his **strength** and **song**. This is so huge — Jesus is YHWH our salvation! He isn’t distant and He isn’t impersonal. TODAY — right here — right now — everyday and everywhere — He is our **strength** and our **song**.

YHWH is our **strength** = He — the self-sufficient, eternal, omnipotent, omniscient Creator and Redeemer is **your** resource — **your** refuge. In the now moments of

every day you and I get to look to **Him** to be our everything — and He alone satisfies.

YHWH is our **song** = it means that He is our joy, He is our happiness. We find our purpose and life in Him, and He never disappoints. This is what Paul meant when he said: For me to live IS Christ. **That** is uncommon in modern church culture where the Christian life is explained as “*Jesus and \_ \_ \_ \_.*”

**<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

This is not a reference to H<sub>2</sub>O. In the Gospel of John we have the account of an amazing moment in the life of Jesus, the Messiah. Jesus is in Jerusalem for the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles. Every day during the feast there would be a procession down the Temple Mount to the pool of Siloam. When the procession arrived at the Pool of Siloam the priest would fill a golden pitcher from the pool. The procession then **returned** to the Temple with that pitcher of water by way of the Water Gate. Along the way the people recited **Isaiah 12:3** — “*with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*” The water was carried into the courts of the Temple and **poured out** on the altar as an offering to God. Here’s what Jesus did on the last day — the great day of the feast

***John 7:37-38 (NET)** On the last day of the feast, the greatest day, Jesus stood up and shouted out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and <sup>38</sup>let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, ‘From within him will flow rivers of living water.’ ”*

**I’m going to get ahead of myself for a minute. Look at the last verse of **Isaiah 12****

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**<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

Great THAT was literally true in that moment of **John 7**. The Holy One of Israel was standing there.

But here’s the hope. Jesus the Messiah came to die for the very world that refused Him / rejected Him / replaced Him with idols. But one day the Holy One of Israel is coming back to be present in the world He created and died to redeem.

But He is coming back to the world He created and died to redeem. And those who have trusted Him to be their Savior and their King will shout and sing because the great and Holy One of Israel is now in their midst!

**WE'LL CLOSE with a quick look at verses 4-5**

**<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Give thanks to YHWH** — Thankfulness is the right response to kindness and gifts.

**QUOTE: Spurgeon** — *“We ought not to worship God in a half-hearted sort of way; as if it were now our duty to bless God, but we felt it to be a weary business, and we would get it through as quickly as we could, and have done with it; and the sooner the better. No, no; ‘All that is within me, bless his holy name.’ Come, my heart, wake up, and summon all the powers which wait upon thee! Mechanical worship is easy, but worthless. Come rouse yourself, my brother! Rouse thyself, O my own soul!”*

**<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.**

YHWH *is* the song of the worshipper (Isaiah 12:2). Now the redeemed rebels go everywhere with this song of the LORD to whoever will listen! The GREAT COMMISSION — Let what He has done so gloriously be made known in all the earth! I’m praying that our lives and words will be that song!