INTRODUCTION

God’s promise to send the “he” in Genesis 3:15 left us with all kinds of questions. Who will “he” be? And how will “he” accomplish the monumental task of righting the wrongs brought into creation and humanity through the sin of Adam? As history rolled on through the ancient ages, God gave clarity in bits and pieces through His prophets. One of the most important expansions of the Promise came through Isaiah in whose writings God Himself answers some of our questions.

Back in Isaiah’s Day: vss. 8:1-22

The Promise: vs. 9:1

The Promised Blessings: vss. 9:2-5

The Promised Son: vss. 9:6, 7a

The Promised Power: vs. 9:7b

“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.” Isaiah 9:6
MONDAY   |   ISAIAH 8:1-9:1;   1 PETER 2:4-10
Notice the river illustration in verses 5-8. How did the rivers differ? Which did the people reject and which did they receive? What does this say about the heart of God’s people at this time? How are Isaiah 8:14-15 connected to the passage in 1 Peter? What does this say about the need for God’s people to still be vigilant to fight against a heart that wants to rebel against God? How do verses 9-10 provide hope. How is that similar to the transition in Isaiah 9:1?

TUESDAY   |   ISAIAH 9:2-5;   JUDGES 7:19-25
Where are 9:1-2 quoted in the New Testament? How does Jesus give greater meaning to the passage in Isaiah? How does understanding the passage in Judges help shed light on verses 3-5? What promise of blessing is being communicated in verses 3-5? How comforting is this to know that God has always provided for His people?

WEDNESDAY   |   ISAIAH 9:6
Who is predicted to come in this passage? What stands out to you about His role and what He is to accomplish? What does it mean when it says the government shall rest on His shoulder? When will Jesus ultimately fulfill this prophecy? Read those titles mentioned for this child that is to come. What comes to your mind when you read those titles? How do those titles inform our understanding of the deity of Christ?

THURSDAY   |   ISAIAH 9:7
What additional characteristics are listed in how His government will work? What comfort do you find in knowing that God will have a righteous government? Knowing that we live in a wicked time, how does knowing there will be a future day when God will rule and govern with justice help you to live hopeful? Even though we look at this passage at the time of Jesus’ first coming, how should it inform our hearts to look forward to Jesus’ second coming?

FRIDAY   |   PRAY
Take some time to thank Him for His word. Pray for a heart that is continually informed and instructed by it. Thank the Lord for providing hope in the midst of what seemed like a dark time. Pray for our hearts to be refreshed as we continue to think about our promise-keeping God who will one day return to make all things new.

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