

Merry Christmas!

“A Son is given, a Child is born, the Word becomes Flesh”

*Luke 2:25-35; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14*

Overlooking the Creche was the Cross and overlooking the Cross is the Crown!

Hebrews 2:9

*But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God, He might taste death for everyone.*

Isaiah's name is given to remind these kings that all deliverance comes from the Lord, our Rock, our Salvation; the only One who can provide for us in time and eternity.

The solution to every problem we have is found in the unique person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*It begins with eternal salvation and continues through every phase of our experience on this earth and it concludes with Phase 3 of the plan of God, finding us in the eternal state.*

Isaiah ministered in a time when his own nation, the kingdom of Judah faced some very serious crises which threatened to destroy them.

Isaiah served in all kinds of political climates, in all kinds of crises and all kinds of unusual situations but through it all, he learned one great principle: A believer's happiness and stability do not depend on outer circumstances including who's in charge of the nation but on an inner relationship with Almighty God, who's in charge of history.

*Isaiah is one of the great illustrations in the Old Testament of the secret of inner happiness and the secret of orienting to God and His grace in spite of any and all difficulties.*

Because the greatest need of the individual or a nation is Jesus Christ, God has raised up prophets in the OT and preachers in the NT to declare the issues; to send forth missionaries; to call nations to the cross and to communicate biblical truth to add life and spiritual power to a nation.

Every call to the ministry isn't as unusual as Isaiah's but we must remember that the canon of Scripture wasn't completed in Isaiah's day and this is the way Isaiah was called.

*But even though we have some unusual things in Isaiah's vision, the principle remains the same twofold concept:*

- 1. A recognition of Who and what the Lord is and a life of occupation with Him;*
- 2. A recognition of what people are and a concern for them.*

And if the door posts in Heaven which are inanimate objects can shake and the living Jews are not shaking, then there's something wrong with the Jews.

That's why they need a preacher or a prophet because at the very Name of Jesus, every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the

Father but as far as Israel is concerned, it isn't so.

*So, when the seraphim spoke of God's perfect holiness, the door posts of the temple, though inanimate objects, shook in awe!*

**Anyone who enters the ministry to be a preacher, evangelist or a missionary has missed the point until he sees the majesty, the holiness, the glory and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ along with the people on this earth who need Him most.**

No one can submit to the will of God until he's first in fellowship and submission is not a means of cleansing and it's not a means of the filling of the Holy Spirit; *1st John 1:9* is the means of submission and of the filling of the Holy Spirit. **The Virgin**

**Birth of Jesus Christ would always be before Israel as their sign and a remembrance that they initially missed it because they were the most religious generation of all.**

*When did JC come?*

At the appointed time which means that every system of religion introduced by Satan was proven bankrupt and could not provide salvation for even one person.

**Immanuel refers to the Hypostatic Union, the uniqueness of the person of Jesus Christ, the God-Man and we cannot in any possible way, have salvation apart from unique person of Jesus Christ.**

Jesus Christ is different from God in that He is Man and He's different from all members of the human race in that He's God and also perfect Man; Jesus Christ is truly unique.

*Why did Jesus Christ who is eternal God have to become true humanity? 1. Jesus Christ had to be true humanity to be our Savior; 2. Jesus Christ had to be true humanity to be our Mediator; 3. Jesus Christ had to be true humanity in order to be our High Priest; 4. Jesus Christ had to be true humanity to fulfil the Davidic covenant.*