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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Introduction

A. Isaiah Preparing Us For Christmas



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- B. A Child to Be Born, A Son Given Luke 1:30-33
- **30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
- 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

A. The other miraculous birth

1. Zacharias and Elisabeth conditions

Luke 1:6-7

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

Right With God, But Something Not Right

- A. The other miraculous birth continued
- 2. Zacharias serving and praying in the temple Luke 1:9-10
- 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.
- 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Right People Do Right Things When Things Not Going Right

A. The other miraculous birth - continued

3. An angel announces the coming birth of John Luke 1:13

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Right People Are Rewarded Rightly

Psalm 127:3

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

- **B.** This one to be born prophesied by Isaiah Isaiah 40:3-5
- **3** The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

C. John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord
1. He remembered who God made him to be
John 1:23
He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet
Esaias.

C. John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord (continued)

2. He realized who Christ is

John 1:29

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

3. He reported what Christ would do

D. Only the mighty God can work such miracles in people

Luke 19:37

And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

Luke 1:76-79

- 76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
- 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,
- 78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
- 79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A. Jesus called the "dayspring (the dawn) from on High" (vv78-79)

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- **B.** John to be a prophet of the Highest John 1:6-8
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Are we the same type of light?

C. Human solutions for problems fail in darkness Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

We need the wisdom of the mighty God

III. The Shepherds Were To Go And Find The Mighty God

- A. The first announcement was to common men Luke 2:10-12
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- **11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**
- 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

III. The Shepherds Were To Go And Find The Mighty God

- B. A Savior: Christ the Lord Isaiah 43:11
- I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.
- C. The shepherds went and found the Lord as directed Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Come To The Mighty God Today!!