



“The Perfect Gift – Part Two”

Isaiah 9:6, 7

Question: What does it feel like to live under the people in authority over you?

Question: What does it feel like to live under the authority of Jesus?

In verse 6 Isaiah has spelled out the nature and character of the King:

- *Wonderful Counselor:* Far above wisdom from and wonder of a Counselor.
- *Mighty God:* The Warrior King Who cannot be opposed.
- *Eternal Father:* The King Who parents us with perfection.
- *Prince of Peace:* The Administrator Who brings and keeps peace everywhere.
- *His birth/arrival forever changes everything.*
- *He is the Guarantee and the Source of our non-contributory salvation.* Eph 5:8, 9

Idea: The Child/King that God gave to us will rule...with justice and righteousness forever—His zeal guarantees it.

In verse 7 Isaiah spells out the traits or nature or feel of the Kingdom. He answers the question: “What is it like to live under the authority of Jesus?”

- His government/Kingdom will be forever:
- His government/Kingdom will be peace filled:
- Established and upheld by Him—unchanging in character:
- The fulfillment of God’s promise to King David:
- Absolutely just:
- Completely righteous:
- All of this is guaranteed by the zeal of the Lord of Hosts:

Our God:

Plans our future. Verse 1.

Shatters our enemies. Verse 5

Gives our Savior/King. Verse 6.

Keeps His promises. Verse 7

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

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Please read: Isaiah 9:1-7 each day this week.

- **Today.** What are the realities of living under a king—under a true, ruling monarch? What is it like? What are the constraints on his subjects? What are the parallels to living under the rule of Jesus in our lives?
- **Monday.** How does the nature or character of the king affect the feel and realities of the kingdom? What is the nature or character of Jesus as described in verse 6?
- **Tuesday.** What does it mean that the Kingdom of Jesus is absolutely just? What are the applications for your life in terms of being absolutely just in your life? What is one specific thing that you will change in order to be more just?
- **Wednesday.** What does it mean that the Kingdom of Jesus is completely righteous? What are the applications for your life in terms of being completely righteous in your life? What is one specific thing that you will change in order to be more righteous?
- **Thursday.** What does it mean for God to be zealous? What does it mean for you to be zealous for the things of God? How does Matthew 6:33 relate to these issues?
- **Friday.** What is the main application for you that “God plans our future?” vs 1. What is the main application for you that “God shatters our enemies?” vs 5.
- **Saturday.** What is the main application for you that “God gives our Savior/King?” vs 6. What is the main application for you that “God keeps His promises?” vs 7.

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