

Second Wednesday in Advent – 2022

Wednesday, 12/7 at 11 am & 7 pm



The Amazing Party

Text: Isaiah 11:1-10 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Our sin is great, *but God's love and forgiveness are greater!*

Today, *before we come to [Isaiah chapter 11](#)*, Let's consider these quotes about [Isaiah](#) from Dr. Luther (TLSB, 1085):

- “...[Isaiah] preaches a good deal to his people and rebukes their many sins... As godly preachers now and always... must do with their people...”
- “...[Isaiah] prepares... [his readers] to expect the coming kingdom of Christ... *[for example]*
 - In **chapter 7** he... describes the mother of Christ, the Virgin Mary, how she is to conceive and bear him with her virginity intact.
 - In **chapter 53** Isaiah... describes Christ's passion together with his resurrection from the dead...”

Before [Isaiah chapter 11](#), let's be aware of [chapter 10](#): ♣woes are spoken upon the evildoers and ♣destruction is promised to the proud Assyrians who defeated the northern kingdom of Israel. *But there is good news:* ²¹ “[A remnant](#) *[a small number who are true believers]* will return... to the mighty God.”

We now come to a beautiful **prophecy** about ♣the coming of the Messiah and ♣the amazing eternity for believers!

1. **Jesse > David >>> Jesus:** ¹ **Isaiah 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.** // Those words look ahead to **Mt. 1 – the beautiful genealogy from Abraham to Jesus**, which includes ▶Boaz becoming the father of Obed, ▶Obed becoming the father of **Jesse**, and ▶Jesse becoming the father of **David**; then, *jumping generations ahead*, Jacob becoming “**the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah**” (16).
2. **The Holy Spirit and Jesus:** ² **The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**
 - a. Those words look ahead to the HS ▶*coming upon* and ▶*staying upon* Jesus. God the Father anointed Jesus with the HS (3:16-17). Then, *later*, John the Baptizer testified that the HS “**remained upon [Jesus]**” (Jn. 1:32).
 - b. The HS enabled Jesus – *according to His human nature*, to have all He needed to ▶do the will of God, ▶complete His mission of mercy, and ▶open the way to heaven for all repentant sinners.
3. **The Attitude and Powerful Words of Jesus:**
 - a. ³ **And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,** // Jesus gladly and fully trusted the Father, *so He did His will*.
 - b. **And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;** ⁴ **But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;** // Jesus did not use eyewitnesses or evidence for His judging; instead, *He Himself knew the full truth of every heart*.

- c. **And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.** // When Jesus spoke, His words were powerful ♦to *declare the saving truth* and ♦to *crush the unrepentant.*
4. **The Character of Jesus:** ⁵ **Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.** // As a belt goes completely around a body, so Jesus was ♦*completely right in thought, word, and deed*, and ♦*completely faithful in knowing and doing God's will.*
5. **The Glorious Eternity for All who Know Jesus:** We were all born into this fallen world, so we have all experienced ♦pain, ♦sadness and ♦death. *But a day is coming when Jesus will return and make all things new.* These verses point to that time, *which will begin when Jesus returns.*
- a. ⁶ **And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.** // *No more kill and be killed; instead, togetherness and happiness!*
- b. ⁷ **Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.** // In the beginning, *before the fall*, that is how the animals existed together AND that day is coming again, *after Jesus returns!*
- c. ⁸ **The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.** // To us at this present moment, such thoughts give us grave concern, *but not in eternity.* Now, we have grown to expect dangerous things, *but an amazing time of peace and harmony is on its way!*

- d. **9 They** [that is, all people and animals] **will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.**
- i. What is a major problem today? *Many are lacking the knowledge of the LORD!* Many are ignorant about ♦creation, ♦sin, ♦God's requirement, ♦the need for repentance, ♦who Jesus is, ♦what Jesus has done, ♦how the benefits of Jesus are received, and ♦how the lives of believers should keep showing Christ to the world.
 - ii. How thoroughly do the waters cover the sea? *They completely cover it!* In the same way, God's **love** and **peace** will cover *all who live with Him forever!*
- e. **10 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse** [that is, to JESUS], **Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious. //** It can be fun to attend a Christmas party with family or friends, ***but we especially want to attend the amazing forever Christmas party with Jesus and all believers!***
- i. The entry ticket *is repentance!*
 - ii. Let us invite everyone we know *to join us!*
 - iii. Let us look forward to all that God has in store *for those who love Him!*

Let Us Pray: Dear Father, *TYSM for Jesus!* Please ♦keep us repentant and ♦move us to invite others to *meet and get to know our amazing Savior!*

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