

# SERMON NOTES

The Promise  
Isaiah 7:1-17; 9:1-7

Against the background of the prophecy of war and destruction, darkness and gloom (chapter 8), Isaiah gave this prophecy about the Messiah—the glorious coming king. “Messiah” is a Hebrew term that means “anointed one,” that is, the anointed king. We believe that Jesus Christ is that Messiah. The New Testament word “Christ” is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word “Messiah.” This Messianic Prophecy, then, holds out hope for peace and righteousness through the reign of Jesus the Messiah. The text can be divided into two sections: The Dawn of the Messianic Age (verses 1-5) and the Righteous Reign of the Messiah (verses 6 and 7). In a time of moral darkness, frustration, anger, and hopelessness under the judgment of God, Isaiah prophesied that God would give a Messiah who would change everything.

**Key thought:** Jesus is God’s gift to us, He changes everything!

**Objective:** I want you to treasure Jesus as God’s greatest gift!

## 1. God keeps His promises (9:1-5)

We tend to live in the present, be trapped in the past, and neglect the future.

- Hope will replace hopelessness. (verses 1-2)
- Joy will replace sorrow. (verse 3)
- Victory will replace defeat. (verses 4-5)

## 2. God’s promises are fulfilled in His greatest gift: Jesus! (9:6-7)

“This is the greatest single verse in all of Scripture about the Lord Jesus Christ.” *Jerry Vines*

- The gift is for you.
- The gift is a person.
- The gift is one of grace.
  - The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this
  - Only God can accomplish this, salvation is nothing you do

**Take Away:** How can I treasure Jesus as God’s greatest gift

1. Rejoice in His salvation gift
2. Celebrate Jesus as my source of joy
3. Centralize Jesus as my highest priority
4. Pursue the passions of Jesus as my passions