SERMON: HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL

Isaiah 9:6

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

Isaiah lived in perilous and troubled times. Within a generation his beloved nation would be taken into captivity. The land would be idle and wasted. The cities would be torn down and their gates dismantled and burned. The vineyards would be uprooted, and the olive orchards decimated. The young and the strong would be carried away as slaves. The old and feeble would be left in their homeland to fend for themselves.

Despite the gloom and doom, Isaiah saw a great bright spot. In the midst of all of the prophecy of destruction, the Lord said, "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" (Isaiah 9:2). What was the light that would shine in the darkness? Verse six gives the answer. The light that was to be sent was the Bethlehem star, the manger child, the Christ of the first Christmas. John said it this way: "He was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

The Hebrew word for wonderful is *pele*. Most lexicons bear several translations of this word. One is "miraculous;" another possible translation is "lovely." It can also mean "distinguished" or "set part from the rest." However it is translated, it carries the meaning of awe, astonishment, and reverence. It is used in Isaiah's prophecy as a proper name; hence, it means "The Wonderful One." Now let's follow this word in the life of our Lord and Savior. Of course, this is a summary of His thirty-three years on earth.

Exposition

- 1. His Birth Was Wonderful.
- 2. His Teachings Were Wonderful.
- 3. His Miracles Were Wonderful.
- 4. His Death Was Wonderful-For Us.

- 5. His Resurrection Was Wonderful.
- 6. His Ascension Was Wonderful.
- 7. His Return Shall Be Most Wonderful.

Closing Statements

I will close with these two statements. If you have not done it already, please make Isaiah's prophesied Messiah your personal Savior. Receive Him by faith and know first-hand how wonderful He really Is.

Give God Glory! Give God All the Glory!

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