

The Light has Dawned

Isaiah 9:1-7

Introduction

1. God has painted a portrait of His Messiah in the Old Testament (Lk. 24:26, 27, 44; 1 Pet. 1:10, 11).
2. This portrait was a puzzle to the Old Testament prophets. The Messiah would experience suffering followed by glory.
3. This puzzling portrait of the Messiah was painted progressively in the Old Testament. However, no prophetic artist saw as much as Isaiah did (Jn. 12:11).
4. In Isaiah 9:1-7 the prophet's brush reveals to us a magnificent use of light in calling attention to the hope the Lord Jesus Christ offers to a dark world.

I. We see the light of the first coming of the Messiah (9:1, 2).

A. This light breaks into the despair of spiritual darkness.

B. The darkness is dispelled by the light of Jesus Christ.

II. We see the light of the Second Coming of the Messiah (9:3-7).

A. There will be overwhelming joy when light dawns in the kingdom.

B. The Second Coming of Jesus will make the coming of the kingdom possible.

C. The light of the kingdom will dawn because of the birth of a child. He is given four names.

1. He is the Wonderful Counselor.

Infinite _____

2. He is the Mighty God.

Infinite _____

3. He is the Eternal Father.

Infinite _____

4. He is the Prince of Peace.

How should we then live?