

The Message of Christmas brings Justice

Isaiah 11:1-16

When we think about Christmas, we often focus on the baby Jesus lying in the manger. We lose sight of the fact that he is the righteous ruler who came to establish his kingdom. Whereas Isaiah 9:6-7 centers on the child, chapter 11 focuses on the king.

Isaiah 11 describes the Messiah's humble beginnings and the nature of his kingdom. *As the righteous ruler, Jesus Christ will establish a kingdom of justice and peace.*

As the righteous ruler, Jesus Christ ...

Comes from humble beginnings (1)

Is empowered by the Holy Spirit (2)

Fears the Lord (3a)

Practices justice (3b-5)

Establishes peace (6-9)

Fills the earth with the knowledge of God (9)

Restores the oppressed people of Israel and Judah (10-16)

Principles to Practice

You are never too small or insignificant to do something great for God

If Jesus needed the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purpose, how much more do we?

Take delight in knowing and fearing God

Trust God to be a just judge

Enjoy the peace of God

Jesus Christ will establish a kingdom of justice and peace