

JESUS: OUR ANCHOR IN UNCERTAIN TIMES – PEACE

Isaiah 11.1-10

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Intro: After portraying the destruction of arrogant human evil as the felling of a forest (Isaiah 10:33-34), Isaiah presents the Messiah as a branch growing from a stump remaining after God's judgement. Messiah's rule among the Gentiles will be a banner for peace.

1. Branch from destruction (v. 1-5)
 - Branch: The Messiah would be the descendant of Jesse (Luke 3:31, John 14:27)
 - Characteristics of the Messiah:
 - The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him (Matthew 3:16-17)
 - Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, counsel and of power, knowledge and of the fear of the Lord

2. Banner to rally the nations for peace (v. 6-10)
 - Banner: The Messiah would be a banner for the peoples
 - What is He offering? Peace. The curse will be lifted, peace and harmony will be present
 - Reason for peace: Earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

Application:

Do we personally recognize the stump of Jesse (the Prince of Peace) in our times of uncertainties?

Can we participate in the work of Christ in bringing peace to the people around us?

For reflection:

Peace is a reality when we model after the Prince of Peace.