

The Wonders of Christmas

December 2, 2007

“The Wonder of Ancient Prophecy”
Isaiah 9:1-7

Introduction

In what, or in whom, do you find hope? This time of year it is easy to place our hope in possessions, whether in giving or receiving the right kinds of gifts. This morning we will learn of the unique hope provided to Israel, and consequently to each of us, through the wonder of ancient prophecy.

Interpretation

Application

Going Deeper

1. What do you learn from comparing and contrasting the account of Jesus' first advent (Luke 2:1-20), with the description of his second advent (Matthew 24)?
2. What do you learn from comparing and contrasting the prophecy of Jesus' first advent (Isaiah 9:1-7) with the prophecy of his second (Luke 17:20-37)?
3. What parts of Ahaz's struggle to believe in God's deliverance and provision are easy for you to relate to personally? (Isaiah 7-8)
4. In what areas of your life are you currently having trouble believing that the Lord will provide for your needs?
5. What link does Paul draw between our willingness to endure hardship and our experiencing hope in Christ? (Romans 5:1-8)
6. In what ways are you demonstrating greater hope (trust) in Christ? (1 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 Peter 1:13)

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