

Sermon: Jesus is the Light 11/30/26 Pastor John

Isaiah 9:1-2

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— **2** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

God is light: 1 John 1

“God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.”

John 1 “In Him was life, and that life was the light of all men.”

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

“The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.”

Whenever we shut out the Light... We are always left with darkness.

1000 BC. The 12 tribes of Israel (from the 12 sons of Jacob), King David.

David's son Solomon - the kingdom would split after his death.

North = kingdom of Israel (King Pekah) South = kingdom of Judah (King Ahaz)

(2 Kings 16:3).

Israel allies with (Syria/Aram) King Rezin

Isaiah 7:1 NIV [1] When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

Isaiah 7:4 “Say to him, “Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood... ...this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “It will not take place, it will not happen,...within 65 years Ephraim (Israel) will be too shattered to be a people.

“If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.” v.9

“Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or the highest heights.”

Ahaz didn't want God's way—he wanted his way. Kingdom of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:

**7** Ahaz sent messengers to say to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, “I am your servant and vassal. Come up and **save me** out of the hand of the king of Aram and of the king of Israel, who are attacking me.” **8** And Ahaz took the silver and gold found **in the temple of the Lord** and in the treasuries of the royal palace and sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

**9** The king of Assyria complied by attacking Damascus (Aram) and capturing it. He deported its inhabitants to Kir and put Rezin to death.

And when you shut out the Light, you are always left with darkness.

So God says:

“Because you rejected the gentle waters of Shiloah...

Isaiah 8:7-8 NIV [7] therefore the Lord is about to bring against them the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates— the king of Assyria with all his pomp. It will overflow all its channels, run over all its banks [8] and sweep on into Judah, swirling over it, passing through it and reaching up to the neck.

This is the warning that Isaiah receives for himself:

V.12-13 "Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread."

"I will put my trust in him." v.17

Isaiah 8:20-22 NIV

[20] Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. [21] Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. [22] Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

Isaiah 9:1 NIV

[1] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.

"In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—"

Matthew 4:12-16 NIV

[12] When Jesus heard that John (the Baptist) had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. [13] Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— [14] to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: [15] "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— [16] the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Jesus is the light!

John 8:12 NIV

[12] When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

And He says: "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam."

Jesus said these words: John 12:46 NIV [46] I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

John 1:5 NIV [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

This is a warning: A fear of God isn't being scared of Him, it's being terrified of being away from Him.

Jesus has commanded us to be the light. The world is lost in darkness! Let it shine!