

NEWSLETTER 2022-7

To: My Fellow Saints

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Re: **The Messiah's Government of Governments, It Is Eternal!**

Beloved Saints, I greet you once more in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and soon coming King!

Luke 2:10-11 Revised Standard Version

“And the angel said to them, ‘Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. . . .”

Today, I will be sharing briefly some highlighted pointers based on Isa. 9:1-7

Throughout the centuries we have seen governments collapsing; compromising moral standards seems to be a norm for many; coups replaced many governing bodies; callousness and inhumane situations prevail; crumbling of living standards experienced by the masses; etc. Despite the reality of these grim factors there was and is hope! There is **Good News** (Luke 2:10-11; 8:1; etc.); unfortunately, there are so many who have not accepted nor applied this blessedness to their lives.

What I am sharing here, is fundamentally the essence of the Christmas message. Beloved, **The Messiah's Government of Governments Is Eternal!** Since this is a limited presentation, I am noting the outline of the selected passage.

Outline for Isaiah 9:1-7

1. The Messiah **So Long Awaited Will Come** (v. 1)
2. The Messiah **Will Give Light** (v. 2)
3. Through The Messiah **Liveliness Will Be Generated** (v. 3)
4. The Messiah **Will Liberate from Bondage** (v. 4)
5. The Messiah **Will Bring Love and Tranquility** (v. 5)
6. The Messiah **Will Be Man's Living Hope and Uttermost Source** (v. 6)
7. The Messiah's **Long-lasting (Eternal) Government** (v. 7)

Brief Presentation Isa. 9:1-7

As it relates to the Israelites (please note, it would help you become aware of the previous chapter, Isa. 8, NB Vv. 16-22), this **child** (v. 6) who would be the Deliverer, is the Messiah, Jesus Christ (and in essence, He is the Deliverer for all mankind). Matthew quotes Isa. 9:1-2 in describing Christ's ministry (see Matt. 4:15-16). The territories of Zebulun and Naphtali represent the Northern Kingdom (In *regards to the Northern Kingdom see for example* 1 Kings 12, NB Vv. 12-19; Jer. 3:12; etc.). These areas, (Zebulun and Naphtali) were also the territories

where Jesus grew up and often ministered; this is why they would see **“a great light”** (Isa. 9:2). (**Zebulun**: located at the southern end of Galilee, with its eastern border being the sea of Galilee. Jesus left Nazareth to live in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali ... Matt. 4:11-16. Etc.). The reality is the Messiah was promised and He came! Came with hope for lost mankind!!

It is time that we sincerely **“Turn Around;”** stop relying on self, our accomplishments, talents, etc. Stop relying on man to satisfy our needs, man is finite but God is infinite; man encounters impossibilities but with God all things are possible! Beloved, Jesus Christ was, is, and will always be the answer!! (John 14:1-31, NB v. 16; Rom. 1 :16; etc.).

As noted in our text (Isa. 9:1-7, NB Vv. 6-7) **the person who will bring the glorious future to earth is Jesus Christ**. Here we observe that the Messiah will come to govern. He will rule over the entire world, executing perfect righteousness and justice among the people (Isa. 9:6; Micah 5:2; Zech. 14:9). We have seen the awful state of the world because of man’s transgressions and his continued living in denial of God, but blessed are the people whose God is the LORD (Psa. 144:15).

In Isa. 9:6c, it is stated: **“And the government will be upon His shoulder.”** (NKJV). The Hebrew word from which we obtain **“shoulder,”** means **the neck area between the shoulders where burdens are placed**. So true, divine government is borne by and rests upon the foundation or shoulder of Christ, rather than upon the personalities of human beings.

What does it mean to **“shoulder the burden?”** Beloved, a burden is a duty, a responsibility, or something that causes you to be worried or distressed. When you **“shoulder a burden,”** **“You are doing something that is stressful, painful, or emotionally difficult, and you are often doing it for someone else.”**

Oh, Beloved! The secularization of Christianity, the quest for popularity, power, riches, people praises, etc. has thwarted, diminished, compromised, contaminated, etc. the **“Good News” that Jesus Christ brought into the world**. We must realize that His birth is not centralized on the secular emphasis that we have witnessed throughout the years **but need to be focused on the Good News of hope to man!!** (Isa. 61, NB Vv. 1-6; Luke 4:18-19; etc.).

You may not have the goodies that others have but if you have Jesus Christ you got it made!! Someone states in a song: **“He is all I need; Jesus is all I need!”** The devil has deceived so many of the real facts of life by making them lose focus on Him who is our all in all!! Although the commemoration of Christmas is done once eachr year the reality of Christmas is that which we ought to live its reality and enjoy its benefits **every day!!** Beloved, you can have the joy of heaven in your soul and life to the fullest extent **daily** if Jesus Christ abides in you and you remain abiding in Him . . . **He is THE WAYMAKER!!** (John 10:10; Phil. 4:11-13; John 15:1-6; etc.).

Indeed, we will experience adverse situations in this life (Psa. 34:19; Matt. 5:10-12; John 16:33; etc.) but in the midst of it all we have hope, joy and eternal life with all the blessings assured by

God in His Word! Let us never forget that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, bore our most grievous, devastating burdens. We too can say: **“Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God!”** (See Isaiah chapters 41 to 42; etc.).

1 Peter 2:24 NKJV

“ . . . who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes we are healed.”

Please note the following references on **“burden.”** Oh, Beloved, I am persuaded that God wants to share with you and I speak from many experiences . . . **it is a fact that no matter what we encounter; God is there for us!! This is the “GOOD NEWS” of Christmas!!** (Psa.31:24; 55:22; 81:6-7; 138:7; Zeph. 3:17; 2 Cor. 1:4; Phil. 4:6-7; etc.).

Psa. 68:19-20 New Revised Standard Version

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belongs escape from death.”

To the Israelites that **“Eternal Government”** (noted in our text) was that which they looked forward to: Ex. 15:18; 1 Sam. 12:12; Isa. 2:2-4; etc. Jesus Christ brought that hope to reality!! (Matt. 4:17; 10:7; **Luke 12:32**; 21:32; etc.).

The Messiah has given Himself to **“shoulder our burdens!!”** (See 1 Peter 5:7; Matt. 11:28-30; etc.). **“Oh Beloved, did someone give a heartfelt glory of praise to our Great and Mighty God?”**

In closing, there are two songs of which I can only make *partial quotes*. Continue to be blessed!!

“Leave It There” by Charles A. Tindley

Verse 1

If the world from you withhold of its silver and gold,
And you have to get along with meager fare,
Just remember, in His Word, how He feeds the little birds—
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Refrain

Leave it there, leave it there,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there;
If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out—
Tale your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

“Joy to the World” by Isaac Watts

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
let ev’ry heart prepare him room
and heav’n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Psa. 46:1-2 Amplified Bible

"God is our refuge and strength [mighty and impenetrable], A very present and well-proven help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains be shaken and slip into the heart of the seas."

NOTE the following quotes:

1. *"A little child,
A shining star.
A stable rude,
The door ajar.
**Yet in that place,
So crude, forlorn,
The hope of all
The world was born."***
(Anonymous)
2. ***"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."***
(C. S. Lewis)
3. ***When Christ was born so was our hope.*** (Max Lucado)

Please note emphasis noted above ... mine.

Beloved, Christ's government is the solution for **all** of man's needs and His administration is eternal!! May you and your wonderful family have a blessed Christmas and God's abundant blessing throughout 2023 . . . and beyond!!

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rest."

(Luke 2:14 NIV)

"For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, . . ."

Isa. 9:6-7a NKJV)

“Silent Night . . . by Joseph Mohr

Verse 1

Silent night! Holy night, holy night!
All is calm. all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav’nly host sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ the Savior, is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

It has been such a blessing and great privilege to be used of God in reaching out to you over these years and look forward for to our continued the journey together. Someone says “The Heaven Will Be Worth the Journey”!! Beloved let us continue no matter what because **“The Messiah’s Government of Government Is Eternal!!”** and there for us to enjoy its awesome blessings.

Beloved, you are loved and appreciated!! Once more: **“May you and your wonderful family have a blessed Christmas and a new year filled with the abundant blessings of God!!!”**

Yours-in- Christ

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