

## A ROD FROM THE STEM OF JESSE

Text: Isaiah, chapters 11:1-2

INTRO: One of the longest Messianic passages in the book of Isaiah is found in chapters 11 and 12. We will not take a closer look at this passage.

### I. SOME PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST, 11:1—5.

A. Christ a descendant of Jesse, Matt. 1:1—6.

B. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him.

1. Wisdom-skillful use of knowledge & intellect
2. Understanding-insight, intelligence
3. Counsel-wisdom in forming plans
4. Might & courage
5. Knowledge-complete understanding of God's will
6. Fear of the Lord-reverence, LK 22:42

C. Note especially His righteous judgment, Isa 11:4—5

1. Saw thru hypocrisy of religious elite
2. Saw value in publicans & sinners
3. Knew what was in man. MT 12:25; JN 2:25

MT 12:25, Jesus knew their thoughts

John 2:25, He had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

### II. THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE GOSPEL, Isa 11:6-9.

A. Gospel, God's plan to make men right, Rom 1:16-17

B. Fig. lang. God uses animals to portray characteristics of certain individuals, LK 13:32; A 20:29

LK 13:32, that fox

Acts 20:29, savage wolves

Phil 3:2, beware of dogs

Matt 7:6, pearls before swine

C. Key thot of this section, vs. 9, not hurt nor d. NOTE where—ISA 2:2—4; flEE 12:22—23

Isa 2:2-5, Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be

established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Heb 12:22-23, But you have come to Mount Zion & to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly & church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect...

D. We've seen this transforming power change thieves drunkards, wife-beaters, murderers, etc.

### III. THE UNIFYING POWER OF THE GOSPEL, Isa. 11:10-13.

A. First, God called the Hebrew people out of Egypt to become His chosen people.

B. In Christ, He has assembled people from all nations to become His special people, a spiritual Israel, descended from Abraham by faith.

Gal 3:26-29, For you are all sons of God thru faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1. The gospel unites Jews & Gent into one body,  
1 Cor 12:13; breaks down wall, Eph 2:14.

2. It unites this one body to God,

Eph 2:14-16, For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, & that He might reconcile them both to God in one body thru the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

IV. CHRIST & HIS SERVANTS VICTORIOUS, Isa 11:13-15.

A. Christ victorious over temptation, LK 4; Heb 4:15

B. Was victorious over sin & grave, 1 Cor 15:54-57.

C. Destroyed the works of the devil, 1 JN 3:8

V. CHRIST TO BE PRAISED & EXALTED, Isa 11:16 thru 12:16.

Christ is the Way, JN 14:6; Salv in Him alone, A 4:12

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