The Conquering Christ of Christmas

Isaiah 9:6-7

“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. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Will Christ be the center of your celebration this Christmas season? Are you living for the things that Christ died for? As Christians we need to remember that our joy is because of Jesus, our songs because of our Savior, our love because of our Lord, our inheritance is because of His incarnation, and our blessings a result of His birth.

The central figure throughout the Scriptures is the conquering Christ. In the Old Testament era, through the Passover, the people looked forward to redemption. To Isaiah, Christ is as much the Lamb of God as He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Twenty-seven hundred years ago, he wrote, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this" (Isaiah 9:6-7)

In the New Testament era, during the Christmas season, we look backward to the Incarnation. In the Book of Isaiah, the centrality of the conquering Christ is vividly seen for us. And yet, from these two
verses in Isaiah chapter 9 there are several practical steps to ensuring that Christ is central during our Christmas celebration.

**First, we need to respond to His profound principles.** Verse 6 says, “And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor…” No doubt, Jesus has the answer to every question and solution for every problem. If you are weary in mind, as seen in Matthew 11:28 where Jesus says, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” If you need basic worldly goods, as seen in Matthew6:33 where Jesus says, “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” If you are worried about life, Jesus as seen in Matthew 14:27 where Jesus says, “Don’t be afraid, Take courage. I am here!” If you want to be a witness to the lost, as seen in Acts 1:8 where Jesus says, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” If you are weak in body, as seen in John 5:8 where Jesus says, “Stand up, pick up your bed and walk” (John 5:8).

**Jesus Christ is the “Wonderful Counselor.”** He has counsel for every crisis, a plan for every problem, a direction for every dilemma, a prescription for every pain, and a message for every man. To the Christian, the Lord’s counsel is like honey to the taste, harmony to the ear, health to the body, happiness to the soul, and hope to the heart. Indeed, Jesus is the Conquering Christ of Christmas!

**Second, we need to remember His personal powers.** Isaiah says, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given . . . and His name shall be called . . . the mighty God” Jesus was born in Bethlehem, hidden in Egypt, raised in Nazareth, baptized in the Jordan, and tempted in the wilderness. Christ performed miracles on the roadside, healed multitudes without medicine, and charged nothing for his services. He conquered everything that came up against Him. Then, Jesus Christ took our sins up to Calvary and died for the world. He was
buried in Joseph’s new tomb and on schedule rose out of the grave with the power of His omnipotence.

Jesus Christ stands for free healing and full salvation. He precedes all others in priority, exceeds all others in superiority, and succeeds all others in finality. Indeed, Jesus is the conquering Christ of Christmas!

Third, we need to respect His Godly passions. Isaiah says, “His name will be called…eternal Father.” Ladies and gentlemen, Christ will still be God long after America lies in the dust somewhere. He will be God when our fleeting and vaporous life we now have is gone. He will still be God after when what we now see through the eyes of faith will become a divine reality. He will still be God when all our weaknesses become strengths. He will still be God after our defeats become victories. It is biblical fact - Jesus is the conquering Christ of Christmas!

Four, we need to recognize His priestly policies. Isaiah says, “He shall be called …Prince of Peace.” This passage is prophetic because it will not be fully actualized until the millennium and beyond! The 1000-year millennial reign of Christ will simply be a preview of the Eternal State when we will live and reign with Him for all of eternity, as seen in verse 7, “There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace.”

Oh, brothers and sisters, things are going to be very different when Jesus comes back again. The first time He rode a donkey. The next time He will ride a white horse. Someone asked me, “Preacher, don’t you think that is just a metaphor?” Listen, it just might be! But I know this – if He comes back in a 747 or a Rocket Ship, I’m going to be riding with Him! Glory to God! At Christ’s first advent He wore a crown of thorns. At his second, He will wear the crown of glory. There is coming a day when Jesus Christ will make walking on water look like child’s play when He steps out of eternity into time and walks on the clouds. There will be a rainbow of victory wrapped
around His shoulders. There will be a smile on His face. At that moment, the laws of gravity, time, and space will simultaneously collapse and we will instantly be standing on the shores of heaven. Hollywood and glitz, will be replaced with grace and glory! And we “will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!”

Child of God, Christmas is all about this and more as we celebrate the birth of the Conquering Christ of glory!!

If you have never been saved, why not make this Christmas your greatest ever by receiving Christ as your personal Savior?

Please stand for prayer.

Father,

Your Word is true. As we celebrate Christmas, help me to remember it is all about the birth of the Conquering Christ! In Jesus’ name. Amen.