

The Root of Jesse

Isaiah 11:1-10

Introduction:

1. This magnificent prophecy is very beneficial to us.
2. Who is the Root of Jesse, and what should we make of the radical ideas in verse 6-10?
3. Let's consider the history of this prophecy and the text itself to help us better understand.

I. History and Context

- A. Coming Destruction by Assyria
 1. Isaiah 9:8, 14-16
 2. Isaiah 10:5, 6
- B. Destruction of North and South
 1. Isaiah 9:21
 2. Isaiah 10:10-11
- C. A Remnant would be saved
 1. Isaiah 10:20-22
 2. Isaiah 10:24-27

II. Getting to Know the Root (Isaiah 11:1-10)

- A. His Origin (v. 1)
 1. The Branch is clearly Messianic (Is. 4:2; 53:2; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12).
 2. The New Testament applies this term to Jesus and what follows to the time of the New Testament church (Acts 13:22-23; Rom. 15:12).
- B. His Spirit (vv. 2-5)
 1. The Spirit of God descended upon Jesus at His baptism (Matt. 3:16)
 2. Jesus claimed that He had this Spirit (Luke 4:16-21)
 3. Many scriptures speak to the fact that Jesus exhibited these characteristics (cf. 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 John 5:20; John 7:24; 2:24, 25).
- C. Blessings of His Rule (vv. 6-10)
 1. This speaks to the radical peacefulness in the kingdom of the Messiah
 - a. The Messiah is currently reigning (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:20-22)
 - b. When He comes back He shall turn the kingdom over to the Father (1 Cor. 15:23-26)
 2. The people to whom Isaiah writes are at odds with God, one another, and other nations. The prophet contrasts their current state with something much different.
 3. These blessings are for those in God's "holy mountain" (v. 9)
 - a. See Isaiah 2:4 and Heb. 12:22-24
 - b. This "Holy Mountain" is the church.

4. The Great blessing is that Jews and Gentiles will be reconciled in the kingdom of Christ and God's people will be reconciled to Him (Rom. 15:8-12)

Conclusion:

1. In this prophecy we see the origin, the spirit, and the blessings in the reign of the Messiah.
2. Jesus fits this prophecy perfectly.
3. We currently live in the blessings of His reign, and enjoy the radical peace that He has provided.