Prince of Peace

What does it mean to declare and proclaim Jesus as the Prince of Peace? Considering the present brokenness and pain in our world, when can we expect this peace to prevail? Discover the meaning of this final title Isaiah gives the Messiah and find out how we can cling to God's promises of a kingdom with eternal peace even now when our lives and the world around us seem anything but peaceful.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What does peace mean to you? How do you define it?
- Where do you think peace is needed today—in your life, in our world?



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READ Isaiah 9:2-7, Isaiah 11:1-9

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 2, host Scott Hoezee reflects on the image of the peaceable kingdom from <u>Isaiah 11</u>, "It is not just an absence of fighting; it is the existence of every creature and every person being in a whole web of mutually edifying relationships." Does this image of kingdom peace give you hope and encouragement? If so, in which areas of your life? Why?
- Where do you see glimpses of shalom today? What reminds you that God is not dead and peace will prevail?
- In segment 3, host Dave Bast defines hope as "faith looking forward..." Consider the areas in your life or in our world, that need kingdom peace. What hope do you have for those situations and relationships as you look toward the future? How can you envision God breaking into those situations?
- How can you be an agent of God's peace and a participant in God's ministry of reconciliation today in a world that desperately needs shalom?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Luke 2:14, Genesis 49:10, Matthew 7:28-29, Isaiah 30:19-21

CONCLUSION

Write down the promises from <u>Isaiah 9</u> and <u>11</u> discussed in this episode. Pray over them. Remember to give thanks that the darkness is temporary; seek the Lord's strength to get through any tumultuous times or spaces in your life.

Place the promises that you wrote down in a location where they might surprise you at a time when you need to read them.

Lastly, pray for the Spirit to stir God's promises in your heart this Christmas season. Share the promises with those around you that may need to hear them and ask how you can be praying for peace in their life. If you're willing, offer to pray right then and there with them. Otherwise, take notes and set a reminder to pray so you don't forget!

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