

FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY
UNIT ONE – HUMBLING OURSELVES BEFORE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

“GOD’S SOVEREIGN SERVANT WILL BRING PEACE”



Sunday School Lesson No. I– September 4, 2016
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Lesson Text: Isaiah 11:1-9

Required Reading: Isaiah 10 – 11

Motto Text: Isaiah 11:9 (NLT), *“Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.”*

Reliable Resources: Standard Lesson Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator

INTRODUCTION

I Thessalonians 5:2-3(NKJV) tells us, *“For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”* There is a great cry for peace and safety across the land today. In fact, this cry is universal, yet it is a peace without the absolute authority of God’s Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a peace that is manmade and mundane; it is without equity and justice. Wars are fought for it, and organizations such as the United Nations have been organized to secure it. But all one has to do is receive the Word of God and the fulfillment of His Kingdom. It is only then that secure peace can be found!

This week’s lesson in Isaiah focuses on Jesus, God’s Sovereign Servant, who will secure and establish the peace that escapes the hands of the best of human beings. In the 11th Chapter we are told that He is the descendant of Jesse, making Him a relative of King David. In Chapter 10, we were told that Jehovah would deliver Israel as a people from the tyranny of its enemies past and the future Antichrist.

But who would be the one to champion the cause of Jehovah? Chapter 11 describes Him and His ability to bring peace to all who will receive Him, after He destroys the hands of the haughty. (Isaiah 10:33-34).

LESSON BACKGROUND

“The issue of God’s sovereignty likely was a hot-button topic in Isaiah’s day, since that was one of the more chaotic times in the history of God’s people. Isaiah’s call to prophetic service came *‘in the year that King Uzziah died’* (Isaiah 6:1). That was about 738 BC, not quite 200 years after God’s people had split into the two kingdoms of Israel to the north and Judah to the south.

Isaiah 7 records the prophet's confrontation with one of Judah's worst kings, Ahaz (grandson of Uzziah). At the time, Judah was facing the rising threat of Assyria to the northeast. Ahaz rejected the counsel of Isaiah to trust in the Lord (Isaiah 7:1-12). The prophet warned the defiant king of the folly of this course of action (or inaction) and declared that Assyria would indeed wreak havoc on Judah (7:17-20; 10:5-6). It is always a mistake though, to underestimate God in the midst of a seemingly hopeless situation. Often, that is when He does His best work!" (Standard Lesson Commentary)

Webster defines Sovereignty as "A person who has supreme power or authority," Literally, one whose authority is unchallenged.

Anticipated Power Points:

- **God's Sovereign Servant of Peace Has the Right to Rule. Isaiah 11:1-5**
- **God's Sovereign Servant of Peace Will Transform Travail into Tranquility. Isaiah 11:6-9**
- **God's Sovereign Servant of Peace Will be a Banner to all who Will Believe. Isaiah 11:10-12**

LESSON OUTLINE

"God's Sovereign Servant Will Bring Peace"

I. God's Sovereign Servant of Peace Has the Right to Rule. Isaiah 11:1-5

A. He is Jesse's relative. vs. 1

Jehovah-Tsidkenu – Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12-13; Revelation 22:16. David's line had sunk so low, yet Messiah rose from it!

B. He is just and Spirit-ruled. vs. 2-3

(He possesses the fullness or completeness of the Holy Spirit. Note verse 2 – The seven-fold personification of the Spirit in Messiah's life.)

1. The Spirit of the Lord rests on Him, demonstrating His power!
2. The Spirit of Wisdom – giving Him the ability to oversee all knowledge.
3. The Spirit of Understanding – the ability to discern, to know the difference.
4. The Spirit of Counsel – knowing how to reach conclusions without advisors.
5. The Spirit of Might – that is, the power to fulfill what counsel has already concluded.
- 6-7. The Spirit of Knowledge and Fear of the Lord – we are told in Proverbs 1:7 of the inseparableness of the Spirit, for one cometh through the other. (*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."*)

C. He is a judicator of righteousness. vs. 3-5

1. His judgment is swift, precise, and unprejudiced by personal persuasion.
2. He only does the will of His Father.
3. He has no rival! (Read Revelation 19:15)

II. God's Sovereign Servant of Peace Will Transform Travail into Tranquility. Isaiah 11:6-9

A. He will roll back the curse. vs. 6-8 (Romans 8:19-21)

B. He will reign with unveiled knowledge continually. vs. 9 (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

III. God's Sovereign Servant of Peace Will be a Banner to all who Will Believe. Isaiah 11:10-12

To all who seek Him, there shall be a highway that will lead them to peace. (Note Isaiah 43:5-7, 9a)

CLOSING

Dr. Warren Wiersbe says "When Isaiah looked at his people, he saw a sinful nation that would one day walk the **Highway of Holiness** and enter into a righteous kingdom. He saw a suffering people who would one day enjoy a beautiful and peaceful kingdom. He saw a scattered people who would be regathered and reunited under the kingship of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught us to pray '*Thy Kingdom come*' (Matthew 6:10) for only when His Kingdom comes, can there be peace on earth."

Praise the Lord, beloved...HALLELUJAH!

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Looking Ahead:

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Isaiah 25:6-10a

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