

December 10, 2023
Isaiah 9:1-7 and Isaiah 53
Jesus, The Messiah Of The Old Testament And The New Testament

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Some 700 years before the coming of Jesus the Messiah the Prophet Isaiah was writing about Him. You see, God has always loved us and has always had a plan of redemption. Our passages today are some of the most profound proofs found in the OT of God's plan of redemption.

As we come into this Christmas season it is important for us to clearly see that all of Scripture is about Jesus. Even Jesus confirmed this as he spoke with two men on the road to Emmaus, "Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures." **Luke 24:27 CSB**

In the book of Acts we are learning about the spread of the gospel across the world. These first church planters had much opposition as they taught Jesus as the promised Messiah. Some of the fiercest opponents of their message were the Jews. Paul and others would go to the synagogues and reason and debate from the Old Testament Scriptures regarding the truth of their message.

Even in the secular world the word "Messiah" is defined in the dictionary as, the promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.

Application:

Our responsibility as followers of Jesus Christ is clearly presented in **Matthew in 28:19-20**, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." CSB

This responsibility begins right at home men and women; please raise your kids in the fear and admonition of the Lord Jesus. Explain to them that Jesus is the promised Messiah. **Deuteronomy 6:1-9** gives Dads and Moms the model for accomplishing this within the home. On your part parents it takes: dedication, determination, self-discipline and fervent prayer. As you reason with the people in your life about their need for a Savior, a Messiah, pray that the Lord God will draw on their hearts, that they will come to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith and humble themselves and be genuinely born again. Jesus is the Messiah, He is the only Way. See **John 6:44-47; 14:6**. Merry Christmas!