

SERMON NOTES

Birth Announcement to an Arrogant King

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Text: Isaiah 7:14

*In the midst of sin and unbelief,
the Lord provides a promise of hope and His presence.*

- I. The announcement is a call to faith and trust in God's _____.
 - » As a believer, you are called to respond to difficult circumstances with a heart of _____ rather than a spirit of _____.

- II. The announcement reveals God's redemptive _____ for fallen humans.
 - A. The incarnation exposes the _____ of human sinfulness.
 - B. The incarnation unveils the _____ of God's salvation.

- III. The announcement reveals God's _____ of salvation.
 - A. The incarnation highlights God's _____ to save.
 - B. The incarnation accentuates God's _____ to save.
 - C. The incarnation identifies God's _____ of salvation.
 - » When you recognize God's plan of salvation through Christ, it is foolish to trust your own _____.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Isaiah 7:1

How is Ahaz related to Jotham and Uzziah? How does 2 Chronicles 26:3-5 describe the reign of Uzziah? How does 2 Chronicles 27:1-2 describe the reign of Jotham? How does the reign of Ahaz compare to that of his father and grandfather? See 2 Chronicles 28:1-4, 22-25. What lessons can we learn about personal faithfulness from considering the lineage of Ahaz?

Isaiah 7:2-9

How was the situation in Judah described in these verses? What was the emotional state of the people of Judah in the face of the assault from Israel and Syria? Why did the Lord send Isaiah to Ahaz? What warning was given to Ahaz at the end of verse 9? What are some difficulties that cause you to fear? What applications can we make to our lives concerning trusting the Lord in the midst of difficult circumstances?

Isaiah 7:10-14

What did God tell Ahaz to do? How do you know that his response was not the product of genuine humility? Compare the attitude of Ahaz to Christ's challenge in John 7:17. How do the following New Testament verses expand upon verse 14: John 1:1-3, 14; Luke 2:48-49? According to John 1:17-18, how does Christ's coming help us understand who God is? What was the purpose of Christ's coming according to Luke 19:10, Matthew 9:13, and Mark 10:45? How can you be used to fulfill the purpose for which Christ came? Will you pray for evangelistic opportunities during this Christmas season?

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