

Isaiah 9:6-7

A True King

KSN [king, child / Herod, Ahaz, Joseph]

1) Isaiah 53

2) Isaiah 9:6-7

a) Character of the King

- Born Among Us

- Absolute Ruler

- Name (title)
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
 - iv.

- Rightful Ruler

- Unending Reign

b) Contrast of Two Kings (Isaiah 7-9, 2 Kings 16 / 2 Chronicles 28)

Praxis

1. Which "Christian" images / traditions surrounding Christmas aid you in celebrating Jesus and which ones distract you? What can you each do this week to cultivate more true worship?
2. Name all the "contrasts" you can find within the biblical accounts of Jesus' birth? Why do you think God arranged Jesus to come in such an unconventional way?
3. Which tends to fill you with more joy at Christmas – that Jesus was born to die or born to reign? Spend some time thanking Him for the benefits of both that you experience.
4. Confess one area where you are not allowing Jesus to reign in your heart. Ask Him together for courage and faith to "before Him lowly bend."
5. Who might you bless this year with a special gift in honor of Christ's gift or with a special explanation of the reasons for Jesus' birth?