



Await
Awaiting His Peace
Isaiah 11:1–10

Look for Jesus' Reign

- “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord” (vv. 1–2).
- Jesus has already come!
 - “The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons’” (1 Samuel 16:1).
- Stump=Failure
 - 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever” (2 Samuel 7:12–16).
- Shoot/Branch=Sapling

- “The reference to *Jesse* indicates that the *shoot* is not just another king in David’s line but rather another David . . . Among the kings, David alone was ‘the son of Jesse’ (Alec Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah*, 121).
- The Spirit of the Lord
 - “And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove” (Mark 1:10).
 - “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me” (Luke 4:18, citing Isaiah 61:1).
- Application: Know what you’re looking for.

Partner in Jesus’ Reign

- “3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins” (vv. 3–5).
- Jesus is here!
 - The characteristics of the Messiah the people were longing for were not what they were seeing in their kings.
 - Righteousness & Faithfulness
 - Retributive vs. Restorative justice
- Application: Do something.
 - Biblical justice is characterized by (Tim Keller, “Justice in the Bible”)
 - Radical generosity
 - Universal equality
 - Life-changing advocacy
 - Asymmetrical responsibility
 - “We can and must seek light, pursue justice, and agitate for change. This is part of the call of the church. Yet we must also acknowledge that any good we achieve, any justice we secure, is always partial and provisional” (Tish Harrison Warren, *Advent*, 22).

Wait for Jesus’ Reign

- “6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious” (vv. 6–10).
- Jesus will come again!
 - This is a picture of the Kingdom of God

- What does the Lord promise? (Isaiah 65:17–25)
 - Creation without sin
 - Joy without weeping
 - Life without death
 - Blessing without curse
 - Peace without conflict
 - Righteousness+Faithfulness=Shalom
- Application: Wait hopefully.

While we wait, look to see where the kingdom is present and partner with Jesus.

Corporate Prayer

Father, we thank you that your Kingdom will not only come but is here. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, your Kingdom has arrived.

This Advent season may your Holy Spirit give us eyes to see and ears to hear where your Kingdom is advancing. Empower us to partner in Jesus' reign where we see it and hear it.

As we partner with you, help us to wait with hopefulness, trusting that just as your Kingdom has come once, it will come in fulness one day.

We pray with the saints everywhere: "Come, Lord Jesus."

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen