

The Weary World Rejoices: Peace

Isaiah 8-12

- I. Intro: The Weary World Rejoices
 - A. Rejoice – some of us have much joy at Christmas
 - a. Music
 - b. Movies
 - c. Food/Parties
 - d. Decorating
 - e. Etc.
 - f. Christmas Eve for Me
 - B. Weary – some us have much to weary about at Christmas
 - a. Job
 - b. Relationships
 - c. Loss
 - d. Health
 - e. Etc
 - C. We can rejoice in a weary world because – peace
 - a. Where is peace
 - b. What went wrong
 - c. Why does luke 2:14 say peace on earth
 - d. We have to understand the story of salvation to have joy of peace
- II. Exposition: Isaiah 8-12
 - A. Isaiah 8
 - a. Vs. 21-22 = Darkness
 - b. Israel in exile
 - B. Isaiah 9
 - a. Vs. 2 = those walking in darkness have seen a great light
 - b. Vs. 6 = for unto us a child is born... Prince of Peace
 - c. Vs. 13 = Israel cut off – what?
 - d. This is Christmas but Jesus was rejected
 - C. Isaiah 10
 - a. Vs. 1-2 = woe to the oppressor
 - b. We live in a world after Christmas in Isaiah 10 – injustice and difficulty
 - c. We are still on plan
 - D. Isaiah 11
 - a. Vs. 1-9 = judgment for oppressed & wolf with the lamb
 - b. Judgment comes and then peace
 - c. We look forward to peace
 - E. Isaiah 12
 - a. Vs. 1-6 = Joy in God's salvation
 - b. We have joy because we have salvation and peace will come
- III. Application:
 - A. We rejoice because the Prince of Peace was born
 - a. We look back at the Christmas with joy

- b. We now have peace with God
 - B. We bring peace when we live as christ in a weary world
 - a. I'm tired of all the injustice, pain, sorrow, and suffering
 - b. I realize I'm not better. I'm tired of my own sin.
 - c. Jesus loved, served, died for others
 - d. We are to love, serve, and sacrifice for others.
 - C. We rejoice knowing that Christ's birth validates that peace will come
 - a. We look ahead beyond our struggle to lasting peace
 - b. Not that today is easier but that our future is certain
- IV. Closing
 - A. Hard to sleep on Christmas eve – we know what's coming
 - B. Hard to wait for peace – remember what already came and what will come