Isaiah: Warning & Hope July 23, 2023

## A KINGDOM-LOVING, FLAG-WAVING CHRISTIAN Isaiah 11.1-10

Isaiah again looks ahead to a time when the Lord will raise up a perfect king. We know this leader as Jesus, the Christ. When King Jesus was on the earth, he began establishing his (upside-down) kingdom—making disciples and inviting others to participate in kingdom works. His Kingdom continues to grow to this day and Isaiah envisions its ultimate fulfillment.

- The King v 1-3a
- The Nature of the King's Rule v 3b-5
- The future paradise where the King's rule is complete and total vv 6-10

## So, what? What does this mean for me?

1. Don't get caught on the WRONG SIDE of HISTORY.

2. Jesus is our banner: So let's <u>LIFT HIM UP</u>!

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples... v 10

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

John 12.32

## 3. Jesus is our King: So let's **ACT LIKE HIM**

"Follow me..." John 1.43

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11.1

## 4. In the end it will BE GLORIOUS! So HANG IN THERE!

...and his resting place will be glorious...

Isaiah 11.10

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

Romans 8.18-21 The Message

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?