

MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title:O Come, O Come EmmanuelSeries:Let Us Adore HimText:Isaiah 7:1-14Speaker:Kevin T. HardyDate: November 27, 2022

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will be with child and** will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Is 7:14).

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, <u>"God with us."</u> (Mt 1:23).

WHEN DO YOU NEED A SIGN FROM GOD?

1. WHEN LIFE IS _____ OR ___

<u>When Ahaz</u> son of <u>Jotham</u>, the son of <u>Uzziah</u>, was <u>king of Judah</u>, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel <u>marched up to fight against Jerusalem</u>, but they could not overpower it. (Is. 7:1)

- AHAZ was a _____
 - <u>Uzziah did what was right in the eyes of the LORD</u>, just as his father Amaziah had done. 2 Chr. 26:4
 - Jotham did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father Uzziah had done, but unlike him he did not enter the temple of the LORD. The people, however, continued their corrupt practices. 2 Chr. 27:2
 - <u>Ahaz was twenty years old</u> when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. <u>Unlike (Jotham, Uzziah, and David), he did</u> <u>not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD.</u> 2 Chr. 28:1

Now the house of David was told, "<u>Aram has allied itself with Ephraim</u>"; so <u>the</u> <u>hearts of Ahaz</u> and <u>his people were shaken</u>, as the <u>trees of the forest are shaken</u> <u>by the wind</u>. (Is 7:2).

2. LOOK FOR THE _____ FROM GOD

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "<u>Go out</u>, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at <u>the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool</u>, on the road to the Washerman's Field. (Is. 7:3)

Say to him, '**<u>Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid</u>**. Do not lose heart because of these **<u>two smoldering stubs of firewood</u>**—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. (Is 7:3–4).

God gives Ahaz Three Missing Realities

- Standing before Ahaz was God's ______ of God's ability to save and preserve His people
- God is always _____ than your FEAR.
- If you don't <u>fight the fight of faith</u>, everything will come ______.

Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

" 'It will not take place, it will not happen,

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.'" (Is 7:7–9).

3. STOP BEING JUST _____ AND REALLY BELIEVE

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 <u>"Ask the Lord YOUR God for a sign, whether in</u> the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

12 But Ahaz said, <u>"I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."</u>(Is 7:10–12).

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? <u>Will you try the patience of MY God also?</u> (Is 7:13).

4. THE GREATEST ______ EVER GIVEN

Therefore <u>the Lord himself will give you a sign</u>: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him <u>Immanuel.</u> (Is 7:14).

• GOD _____ US! GOD ____ FOR US! GOD WANTS TO BE _____ US