



## SERMON NOTES

# Christmas at the Movies

Believing is Seeing

Part Two

Pastor Carl Toti - December 8-9, 2018

*Isaiah 9:1-7 (NIV)*

*1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan-- 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

### **BAD TIMES CAN RESULT IN \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES**

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### **ANYONE CAN CURSE THE DARKNESS - INSTEAD LIGHT A \_\_\_\_\_**

*Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)*

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*

*Mark 15:33 (NLT)*

*33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.*

**It is always darkest just before the day dawneth.**

**-Thomas Fuller**

### **GET READY FOR A SEASON OF \_\_\_\_\_**

*Isaiah 9:3 (NIV)*

*You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.*

*Deuteronomy 28:7 (NCV)*

*7 The LORD will help you defeat the enemies that come to fight you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will run from you in seven directions.*

### **PROGRESS COMES THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_**

*Isaiah 9:4 (NIV)*

*For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.*

*Psalms 119:134 (NIV)*

*134 Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts.*

### **THE CELEBRATION SHOULD FIT THE SIZE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_**

Isaiah 9:5 (NIV)

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

Acts 19:19 (NLT)

A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars.

## THE VALUE OF A GIFT IS MEASURED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GIVER

Isaiah 9:6a (NIV)

"...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..."

### CHILD BORN (HUMANITY) SON GIVEN (DIETY)

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"[a] (which means "God with us").

Isaiah 9:6b (NIV)

"...and the government will be on his shoulders..."

**Ambrose Bierce's The Devil's Dictionary: "POLITICS, n.** A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles. The conduct of public affairs for private advantage."

The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity: An A-To-Z Guide To Following Christ in Every Aspect of Life.

Isaiah 9:6c (NIV)

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### Wonderful Counselor Mighty God (Heroic God)

Revelation 1:8 (NIV)

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Mighty God here means something different.

Hebrew Word: גִּבּוֹר

Transliteration: gibbôr

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

**Defined:** powerful; by implication warrior, tyrant :- champion, chief, x excel, giant, man, mighty (man, one), strong (man), valiant man.

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### Everlasting Father

Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself.

### Prince of Peace

Jesus has made peace between God and man.

"Whenever, in short, it appears to us that everything is in a ruinous condition, let us recall to our remembrance that Christ is called Wonderful, because he has inconceivable methods of assisting us, and because his power is far beyond what we are able to conceive. When we need counsel, let us remember that he is the Counselor. When we need strength, let us remember that he is Mighty and Strong. When new terrors spring up suddenly every instant, and when many deaths threaten us from various quarters, let us rely on that eternity of which he is with good reason called the Father, and by the same comfort let us learn to soothe all temporal distresses. When we are inwardly tossed by various tempests, and when Satan attempts to disturb our consciences, let us remember that Christ is The Prince of Peace, and that it is easy for him quickly to allay all our uneasy feelings. This will these titles confirm us more and more in the faith of Christ, and fortify us against Satan and against hell itself." (Calvin)

The Enduring Word Bible Commentary - The Enduring Word Bible Commentary - Isaiah.

### Answers:

1. Good
2. Candle
3. Harvest
4. Struggle
5. Victory
6. Sacrifice