

Bible Study Questions

The Promise of Christmas in Isaiah: The Promise of a Son

Focus

Despite the faithlessness of its leaders, God will keep His promises to the House of David and bring salvation for His people through the giving of a miraculous son who will be God Himself. This is fulfilled in Jesus the Christ who has come to save us from our sins.

Read

[Isaiah 7](#)

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As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What’s the context? (Where are we in this book of the Bible; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday’s sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you’d like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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1. Walk through some of the historical details related to this passage. For example, who is Ahaz? Why is he afraid? (For more info on the historical background, see 2 Kings 15:26-16:20; 2 Chronicles 28.)
2. Why is it significant that Ahaz is of the 'house of David' (verses 2 and 13)? (For more background on this significance, see 2 Samuel 7.)
3. What is verse 9b communicating? Why is this a matter of faith for Ahaz and the rest of the house of David?
4. Why did Ahaz refuse God's offer of a sign and salvation?
5. Why is trusting God so essential to the Christian life?
6. What lessons about faith and trust in God from this chapter are important for you in your life right now? For example, are there any promises of God you're having difficulty believing? Where do you tend to turn for help when you're afraid? Are there any areas where you don't want God's help right now? If so, why? Etc.
7. In what ways does Jesus fulfill the promise of verses 13-15?
8. How would you describe to an unbelieving friend what it is that Jesus has come to save us from?
9. What does it tell us that for God to ultimately fulfill His promises to the house of David He Himself had to come to be with us?
10. How might this passage strengthen a person's faith and hope in God?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

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1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?