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**Isaiah 11**

**Lesson Twenty**

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## **A Perfect King for a Perfect Day**

We've read a lot about the bad situation that Judah and Israel were in at the time Isaiah prophesied. They were disobedient to God, they lived in fear, and they were doomed, according to Isaiah's prophecy, to death and destruction. Because of their rebellion and refusal to follow the will of God, they were promised the judgment of God. That is about as bad as we can imagine, with little hope for the future.

But God was not going to leave it that way. The eleventh chapter of Isaiah has more of God's promise to send a Messiah, a Savior. Read Isaiah 11:1-9.

Have you ever seen a tree or a shrub cut down to just above the ground? Have you ever seen one of those stumps send out a new growth. Verse thirty-four of the tenth chapter speaks of cutting down the forests. Chapter eleven, verse one says that out of those seemingly dead stumps new growth will come and the new shoots will bloom and bear fruit. The stump represents the kingdom of David. In Judah, the kings had David as an ancestor. This was not so in the northern kingdom, Israel. But now, Judah was threatened and would be conquered. David's children and their children would have no kingdom over which to reign.

But that's not the end. God promised a new "child" of David...a new sprout from the old stump. And, the Spirit of God would provide to him wisdom and understanding, counsel and power, knowledge and fear of the Lord. Now that fear doesn't mean that he would be afraid of God, it means that he would respect and honor God.

This child of David will be the perfect judge. He will judge with righteousness and faithfulness. His judgments will be right and he will judge with integrity or truthfulness. This "son of David" will be the kind of judge you would want to be in charge of your trial.

Then Isaiah shows us what a world would be like with that kind of king. Read Isaiah 11:6-9.

First, all evil will be destroyed. With that kind of righteous king, there could be no evil. It just would not be tolerated.

Second, there would be perfect peace. Things would happen that we have a hard time believing. The wolves would get along with lambs, leopards with goats, calves with young lions, and so on. Children will not be afraid of snakes and spiders. Everybody will get along with everybody. All humans will know God, and it will be perfect knowledge, as deep as the ocean.

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In the last verses of the eleventh chapter we find a picture of a comeback. Isaiah begins with pointing out that the “root” of Jesse would be sort of a flagpole to which people go. It will be like gathering around the flagpole. The word *root* here refers to Jesus, the Messiah. Read Isaiah 11:10-16

God is going to call His people together. Just when this will happen is not clear. It could be that Isaiah sees far, far into the future and this will happen at the end of time. It could be that he saw it happening to Judah after some future captivity, like the Babylonian captivity which happened in 586 BC. Most likely it is the first option, not the second.

He said that God would make a way for people to come from the West through Egypt. The Nile, or the gulf of Suez will dry up. People would come from the East, and the great Euphrates River would become seven shallow streams across which people could wade.

This reminds us of what John wrote in the Revelation 11:15. He spoke of a loud voice from Heaven (maybe a great choir) that sang, “The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign for ever and ever.” This will take place at the end of time. That is the perfect day.

We can rejoice that all Christians will be part of that new Kingdom. This gives us great hope for the future.

Because of what Jesus did on the cross and because of His resurrection, we know how everything will turn out in the end. And this reminds us of another thing that John said in I John 5:4: “For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”

Join the celebration around the flagpole. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and you will be there.

\*Underlined words and phrases are to be used in completing the Student Worksheet.

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**Scripture Memory:** “They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as water covers the sea.” Isaiah 11:9

**Lesson Goal:** To show students God’s promise of a perfect King who brings peace.

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## Student Worksheet

### **A Perfect King for a Perfect Day—Isaiah 11**

As the teacher goes through the lesson, listen for answers to these:

1. What does Isaiah 11:1 say is going to happen to dead stumps?
2. What is the Spirit of God going to provide to the new child of David?
3. What things describe the judgments of the perfect judge?
4. What does Isaiah say that world would be like with the new king?
5. What does the Revelation 11:15 say the great choir from Heaven sing?

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#### **How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:**

First, believe that the God of the Bible is the true God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God’s Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus’ name. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.