

“UNTO US A KING IS BORN!”

“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. 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,” (Isaiah 9:6,7).

The year is A.D. 2015 and we are again celebrating another Christmas. Recently the paper has had some helpful tips when it comes to our holiday celebration. We were given some pointers as to how not to get stressed out with all of the extra activities; where to get the best bang for your buck when it comes to gifts; and even how to keep your waistline from expanding with all of the special holiday treats and foods. Many people will take some of this to heart – others won’t.

The year was about 700 B.C. and the prophet Isaiah was looking ahead to the very first Christmas. He too has some important things to say about this holiday – not in terms of *how* we should celebrate, but rather *who* we should celebrate. That, of course, is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Tonight in our Christmas devotion we’re going to focus on Jesus and recall that “UNTO US A KING IS BORN!”

HYMN: **Now Sing We, Now Rejoice** (34)

Now sing we, now rejoice,	Come from on high to me;
Now raise to heav’n our voice;	I cannot rise to thee.
He from whom joy streameth	Cheer my wearied spirit,
Poor in a manger lies;	O pure and holy Child;
Not so brightly beameth	Through thy grace and merit
The sun in yonder skies.	Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Thou my Savior art!	Draw me unto thee!
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I. HE IS A UNIQUE KING

THE SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:6

“To us a child is born....he will be called....Mighty God”

Someone once said that the miracles Jesus did are pale in comparison to the miracle that Jesus is. He was referring to the miracle of the eternal God becoming a human being, which we call the Incarnation. The prophet Isaiah had foretold this in his prophecy. Christmas is a miracle: God and man in one person born in Bethlehem. As Lutheran Christians we confess this truth in Dr. Martin Luther’s explanation of the

