

Advent 2: The Kingdom: Isaiah 11:1-10

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Covenant Church

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Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

I. Justice (especially for the poor)

Ps 72:1–4 ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

Luke's gospel—especially Luke 1:53; 2:8-20; 2:24; 3:11; 4:18a; 5:12-16; 17:11-19; 5:17-26; 6:6-11; 6:20-26; 7:40-43; 12:13-21; 16:19-31

Politics of the Kingdom = For you always have the poor with you... (Mark 14:7a) v. There was not a needy person among them... (Acts 4:34a)

II. Economics (and transformation)

Isa 55:1-2 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Rose Hawthorne (1851-1926)

Basil the Great (c. 330-379)

Isidore the Farmer (1070-1130)

Queen Margaret (1046-1093)

III. God-with-us

Question: What is one thing that God may have said to you through this sermon?