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A KING IS BORN

Isaiah 9:6

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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.*

Pray

INTRODUCTION :

3 months ago, Queen Elizabeth passed away. She was queen for almost 71 years. The one who is on the throne now is his son, the former Prince of Wales is now King Charles of the United Kingdom. His official coronation is going to be on May 6 2023. I'm sure that will be a huge spectacle.

For us Christians, there is a reason why we celebrate Christmas.
OUR KING IS BORN.

CHRISTmas is means Festival of Christ

Etymology of Christmas : Christ “Christos” mas “moesse “festival”...THIS IS A FESTIVAL OF CHRIST OR A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST!

What does Christ mean?

The meaning of Christ or Messiah which means “The Anointed One” in Greek can also be equated with the word “King.” It comes from “chrio” “to anoint with oil” and they anoint either a prophet, a priest or a king.

Christ means King or Ruler

JESUS IS KING!

Brief Background on Isaiah 9:6

- This is one of the most well-known prophecies when it comes to who Jesus Christ is.
- It was written 600 years before Christ was born.
- Remember that Israel had several kings that were a failure and now Isaiah is saying that they will be under the Babylonian ruler.

That's why God is comforting the people of Israel, that one day, I will send you a ruler, the Christ who will rule over you.

And this ruler is God, the son of God who will become man

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

Important to note :

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

Remember, Jesus Christ is for you. Our King is for you. God is for us!!!!

This is the reason why when Jesus Christ was born, He was described as Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Immanuel means "God with us." Literally means "with us is God"

Illustration: I was just talking with an Indian officemates on how Asian families, when it comes to their children, the children doesn't sleep in a separate room. In fact, the baby sleeps in the same bed where mom and dad sleeps. I remember as a child that I slept in the middle between my Tatay and Nanay and in the middle of the night when I awake and everything was dark, the thing that will give me comfort is that my feet will touch my mom and dad's feet and I would immediately be comforted. What happens is that my feet will be on top of their feet and fall asleep knowing that my parents were with me.

THERE IS GREAT COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT JESUS IS WITH US.

That's the reason why David wrote this :

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me

If Jesus is King, it's important to know what kind of King, our Lord Jesus Christ is.

1. Wonderful Counselor

Etymology : wonderful 'pele' which means wonder; extraordinary, Counselor 'ya'ats, counsel, purpose, plan

This means King Jesus has a wonderful purpose and plan for us.

But what I want to show you is another dimension of the word wonderful in Hebrew 'pele'. It also means "difficult to understand"

Isn't that what happens in our life on why things happen specially if you're in a tragic situation?

You couldn't understand why God allowed it to happen and what is the purpose and plan of God for this but we have to be assured that GOD HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR US.

Biblical Illustration : That is what happened to the life of Joseph. Remember, that the purpose and plan of God for Him is to be ruler but his brothers wanted him dead, then they sold him to slavery, then he was doing good in Potiphar's house but he was accused of trying to molest his wife which is not true, then he was thrown into prison, forgotten in prison but in the end, look at how God fulfilled the purpose and plan for his life.

He became second in command of Egypt, the superpower at that time and saved his family and the entire known world from famine.

Are you undergoing through a situation right now that is difficult to understand? GIVE YOUR LIFE TO THE KING BECAUSE HE IS THE WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR AND HE HAS A GREAT PLAN FOR YOU.

2. *Mighty God*

King Jesus can do everything and anything for you.

Emphasis : on the “can” and not “will”, there’s a big difference. He will not do something that will be for your destruction. Remember, He is God! He knows His plans for us.

Etymology: mighty “gibbowr” strong, mighty “el” God

Isn’t great to follow a King like that? To our King Jesus, there’s no such thing as a “hopeless situation” or the word “impossible” is not in his vocabulary or the words, “it can’t be done.”

Illustration : A young boy traveling by airplane to visit his grandparents sat beside a man who happened to be a seminary professor. The boy was reading a Sunday school take-home paper when the professor thought he would have some fun with the lad. "Young man," said the professor, "If you can tell me something God can do, I'll give you a big, shiny apple." The boy thought for a moment and then replied, "Mister, if you can tell me something God can't do, I'll give you a whole barrel of apples!"

I love what William Carey, the great missionary from India, said, WE MUST LIVE OUR LIVES LIKE THIS.

“Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.”

Illustration : When we encounter a seemingly hopeless situation and we have done everything that we could, this is the time our family looks at each other and say, “Now, this is God’s time, let him do what we can’t do and that’s do the impossible.” We even imagine God saying to us, “Okay, are you done? Get out of the way, it’s my turn.” And see how God works.

Jeremiah 32:27 I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?

Are you in an impossible situation right now? Trust King Jesus, there is nothing impossible with Him.

3. Everlasting Father

King Jesus will always love you and take care of you.

If you believe in Jesus Christ, you have become a child of God.

John 1 : 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Remember, the King of heaven and earth is your Father.

I always tell my children, you are the child of the King!

When we see the word “Father” in the Bible, it often shows God assuring His children that He will take care of all of their needs, that He will provide for them.

Matthew 6: 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Remember, it's our Lord's job to take care of us. He is our King, He is our Father!

But of course, again, we need to be under His Lordship. We have to follow and obey Him. It's because

part of His being a Father, a true father, who loves His children is doing what's best for our child even if it sometimes takes discipline.

Hebrews 12 : 5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

*“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”*

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

You know why God out of his love disciplines us?

10...but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

QUOTE : God our Father is more concerned about our character rather than our comfort.

So much unlike us earthly parents where we are sometimes more concerned about our children's comfort rather than help them develop their character.

4. Prince of Peace.

King Jesus will give us peace and contentment.

To be a prince means they are the enforcers of what the King wants. This is where you know that Jesus is God and part of the Godhead although they are one – Trinity. He is King but He is also called Prince of Peace.

And what is that one thing that God wants to enforce in our lives. PEACE!

Etymology : Peace “shalom”

What is peace? Tranquility in our hearts, completeness, contentment. It's a feeling I am complete, I don't need anything else.

This is what God wants in our life!

But peace is not the absence of war, or challenges or trials. True peace is a feeling of tranquility even in the midst of war, challenges or trials.

But I give you another secret? Again, free of charge.

Peace can only happen if we always look and trust in King Jesus. To remember that our King is on His throne and in total control.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

That's why the angels sang when our King was born 2000 years ago.

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

CONCLUSION :

Since Jesus is King, what should be our response be?

Illustration : A few years ago on the Dick Cavett Show, the Archbishop of Canterbury was speaking with actress Jane Fonda. The Archbishop said, “Jesus is the Son of God, you know.” Fonda replied, “Maybe he is for you, but he's not for me.” To which the Archbishop profoundly answered, “Well either he is or he isn't.”

Is Jesus Your King? How will you know?

Ask yourself this question : Who controls your life? Or what controls your life? Sa Tagalog, sinong nasusunod sa buhay mo?

Now listen carefully, one of these days, Jesus Christ will rule over the entire world and the entire universe even to the people who don't believe in Him or rejected Him.

Philippians 2:9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth

and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**What is the only proper response to Jesus CHRIST or Jesus to King?
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**

Etymology : bow “kampto” - bend the knee...only used for worship

THE ONLY PROPER RESPONSE IS TO WORSHIP HIM.

To us His followers, one of these days, our King Jesus – Jesus Christ – and He will abolish all authorities and rulers. He will be the only One reigning.

Revelation 19 : 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

King of kings and Lord of lords.

This is one of the reasons, not only we are celebrating the birth of OUR King. WE ARE ALSO WAITING FOR THE COMING BACK OF THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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