



# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Delight in the fear of the Lord.**

**Introduction:** Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of 4 kings of Judah. The start of his ministry coincided with the beginnings of the end for both Israel in the North and Judah in the South. The spiritual decay that was rampant in the hearts of the people soon gave way to outward idolatry, foreign alliances and finally destruction for both kingdoms (722 B.C. for the North and 586 B.C. in the South). Even in the midst of prophecies of destruction, there is hope for those who trust in the LORD. Isaiah gives precious promises not only concerning a remnant returning to Jerusalem, but more importantly of the coming Messiah – his work for our salvation and his kingdom.

**Verses 1:** Nebuchadnezzar would saw down the tree of the Kings of Judah descended from David. They were dead branches and idolatry made them fit for the fire. But the Lord promised a shoot from the stump of Jesse (David's dad was Jesse), from the roots. A humble king would come. Jesus is that righteous branch who would bear fruit. Where was this king born? \_\_\_\_\_.

Where did and does this king rule? \_\_\_\_\_.  
(not Jerusalem)

**Verse 2:** The Holy Spirit would be on Jesus, the Messiah. When did you see the Holy Spirit descend on him in a visible way?

Why are these traits important for the perfect King?

Wisdom and understanding –

Counsel and Might –

Knowledge and Fear of the LORD –

(Fear of the LORD is best described as reverent respect for and submission to his will.)

**Verse 3** – Can you list some times in Jesus' life and ministry where he shows his "delight in the fear of the LORD?"

In His Youth -

In His Ministry –

In His Passion -

What makes his judging and decisions better than any earthly king's?

**Verse 4** – The needy and poor are often overlooked in society and don't have the best resources when it comes to legal interactions. What comfort do the poor and disadvantaged have in their Messiah King?

**Verse 5** – A belt isn't just an accent piece, it holds everything together. What is the comfort in what holds everything our Lord does together?

How does he give us his righteousness?

**Verse 6-9** – There is nothing to fear in the kingdom of our Messiah. There is no baby-proofing needed! What accomplishes this as Jesus rules his kingdom?

**Verse 10** – The root of Jesse is Jesus. What do we hold up about Jesus that serves as our banner as we follow him, as the gospel bears fruit as it goes out to the ends of the earth to bring in all nations into his kingdom which he rules even now?

The \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

The \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life.

**Jesus rules for you and in your heart by his gospel.**

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