Weekly Bible Reading - December 2019

The focus of the reading this month will be teaching from both the OT & the NT about the coming of Jesus as the Messiah.

//Dec 1// - The Chosen Servant
Isa 42:1-9, Isa 61, Matt 11:1-6

We find in Isa 42 & 61, references to the work that the servant, the sovereign one will do among God's people.

- Make a list of the promises. Which ones have impacted your life?
- Are we like John the Baptist in that our worldly view of the Messiah/Jesus has caused us to not see His true mission?

//Dec 8// - Isa 11, Isa 9:1-6

- List the various descriptions of the Messiah in these 2 chapters in Isaiah.
- Which ones give you encouragement in your walk with Jesus?
- Which ones expand your view of Jesus?

//Dec 15// - Isa 52:13 - 53:12

No passage in the OT more clearly speaks to the work the servant will do to bring salvation for everyone who believes.

- Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Messiah.
- Yet, that coming would ultimately result in pain and suffering by the servant for our sins and for our healing.
- Spend some time in Isa 52:13-53:12 and let God's word touch you deep in your soul. Let this passage remind you of how special Christmas is because Jesus came. He came knowing the sorrow & pain that was ahead of him.

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//Dec 22// - Matt 1 & 2, Luke 2

The Messiah comes and he is welcomed by angels, shepherds, magi from the east, Simeon, Anna, and by Mary & Joseph. The Son of God has entered this world as a baby and yet is in the most humble of places-a barn in Bethlehem.

- Let the Christmas story change your view of how God operates and what is important to Him.
- Have a great Christmas season with your family. But never let the real meaning and purpose of this day be drowned out by the secular/commercial world we live in today.

//Dec 29// - John 1:1-28, Phil 2:5-11, Rev 12

- The passages this week look at the spiritual nature of the coming of the Messiah. We learn who He is and where He was at creation. We learn He chose to give up the very best part of heaven, being in the presence of God the Father as God the Son, in order to come and give us salvation. We see in Rev 12 the spiritual war that was going on in the heavens to prevent Jesus from being successful.
- Let these passages expand your view of the Christmas story.