

A WONDERFUL PROMISE

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Therefore, he had to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in matters pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:17)

...we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be shaken. (Psalm 55:22)

...casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. (1 Peter 5:7)

He worked wonders in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt... (Psalm 78:12)

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

For he is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh... (Ephesians 2:14)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 ESV)

Reflection Question:

What does it mean for you that Jesus is the Prince of Peace even in the midst of turbulent or painful seasons of life?