## **Sweet Peace**

Isaiah 11:1-10



WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

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TOPICS: Advent; Christmas; Holy Spirit; Peace in Christ

LEAD-IN: The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
(Isaiah 11:6, 9, NIV)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Kingdom of Peace**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:1-9, NIV)

Peace begins in God.

It begins with His completeness in Himself and with the love and perfect unity among the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Peace comes to us in Christ. He who is one with the Father and one with the Spirit became one *of* us. And as we simply trust Him, like children, He becomes one *with* us.

When Christ has finished what He has started,

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when we are one with Him, we will be one with the Father and one with the Spirit as well.

As we are one with them, we will also be one with each other, and the peace of God will be perfect and complete. Creation itself will then be transformed.

As Romans 8 says:
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The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration... in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. (vv.19-21, NIV)

Peace will reign in all creation: no more disharmony; only unity, contentment, completeness, and well-being, with full, open, fruitful, unimpaired relationships throughout all reality. Just imagine!

Beauty and truth,
pleasure and purity,
humanity and holiness,
justice and mercy,
will be full and in perfect harmony,
just as they have always been full and in perfect harmony in God.
Art and science,
celebration and reflection,
giving and receiving,
worship and play
will simply be facets of being in Him constantly and completely.

Everyone will be beautiful in their God-breathed individuality. We will be like Him, with Him, and complete in Him forever.

O come, Prince of Peace!