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The Light of Christmas - Isaiah 8 - Title Slide

Isaiah 9:2 NKJV

2 **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.** Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, **and the government will be upon His shoulder.** And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Tim Keller: Hidden Christmas

"Years ago, I read an ad in the New York Times that said, "The meaning of Christmas is that love will triumph and that we will be able to put together a world of unity and peace." In other words, we have the light within us, and so we are the ones who can dispel the darkness of the world. We can overcome poverty, injustice, violence, and evil. If we work together, we can create a "world of unity and peace.""

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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TERRIFYING:

- 1) We are incurably sinful and vile.
- 2) We cannot govern ourselves.
- 3) God Himself must come to save us from our vile sin.
- 4) God Himself must reign over us as King.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE IS ALSO FULL OF HOPE & JOY!

- 1) King Jesus lays down His life in love to save us.
- 2) Forgives us, cleanses us of all our sins.
- 3) Make us sons / daughters of His Kingdom
- 4) Clothes us in His Righteousness

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GOD IS THE SANCTUARY FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

GOD IS A ROCK OF OFFENSE & STUMBLING TO THOSE WHO DO NOT FEAR HIM

Matthew 21:44 NKJV

44 Whoever falls on this Stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

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UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

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Matthew 13:10–13 NKJV

10 The disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 He answered and said to them, "Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given.

12 For whoever has, **to him more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, **even what he has will be taken away from him**. 13

Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

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Revelation 2:17 NKJV

17 He who has an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit says** to the churches. To him who overcomes **I will give some of the hidden manna to eat**.

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Title Slide - Isaiah 9

Isaiah 9:1–2 NIV

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan. 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

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**No more battles to fight
The war is over!
OUR VICTORY IS IN JESUS**

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