

## Declutter before you shop!

### Main Text: Isa 11:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

Isa 11 highlight God's divine plan to bring about the Messiah, a new perfect King, and a perfect future kingdom.

### Background

- During this time, Assyria was the dominant kingdom in ancient world
- Ahaz was king of Judah, did what was evil
- Received threat from Syria and Israel, intimidated, he approached Assyria for help (2 Kings 16)
- Isaiah said to trust God, Ahaz would not listen. God uses Assyria to cut him down, including his kingdom (Isa 7)
- Chapter 10, Isaiah lists 6 cities conquered by Assyria (between 738 BC – 717 BC): Calno, Carchemish, Hamath, Arpad, Damascus & Samaria
- Isaiah painted a picture of complete Assyrian conquest in geographical order from north to south

Why stump of Jesse and not David? Context to 11:1:

- Chapter 10 described trees being chopped down

- First, an axe against Judah in the hands of Assyrians
- Secondly, judgment against Assyria as it too was cut down
- God would bring an end to the old David dynasty and usher in a new type of David – the Messiah, Jesus Christ
- The emphasis in rebirth, not from the ungodly dynasty of David’s descendants, but from original stem of Jesse
- **Job 14:7-9**<sup>7</sup>“For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. <sup>8</sup>Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil, <sup>9</sup>yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant

**Unsubscribe** <sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

- Online scammers today are very sophisticated
- You will not click on a text or link that you know its most likely spam or phishing
- What about sites that appear legit and safe?
- We are bombarded with various notifications and communications
- Naturally, we unsubscribe when we don’t read it or need it, as it no longer adds value
- **Heb 12:1** (NLT) *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.*
- Remove every access point that cause you to be sluggish

**Upgrade** <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him.....

- God’s Spirit = extension of God Himself that empowers believers for His purposes
- Specifically in OT, Spirit of God came upon kings (1 Sam 10:6), leaders (Deut 34:9), prophets (Num 24:2) and judges (Judg 3:10) enabling them to fulfil and accomplish divine assignment
- In the NT, Spirit resides with believers

**John 14:15-17** <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

**Luke 11:11-13** <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**Eph 1:17** <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him

**Gal 5:16-17** <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

- Are you being led by the Spirit or led by the flesh? Are you walking by the flesh or walking by the Spirit?
- Believers today are in desperate need of an upgrade, not just an update
- Be filled with the Spirit, that you may bear fruits

**Unlock** <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear....

Wisdom (*hokmah*) is the gift of practical ability and skill that comes from discernment. Not affected by what your eyes see, or what your ears hear. We see this example in David (2 Sam 14) and Solomon (1 Kings 3)

- **2 Sam 14:18-20** <sup>18</sup> Then the king answered the woman, "Do not hide from me anything I ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king speak." <sup>19</sup> The king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" The woman answered and said, "As surely as you live, my lord the king, one cannot turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has said. It was your servant Joab who commanded me; it was he who put all these words in the mouth of your servant." <sup>20</sup> In order to change the course of things your servant Joab did this. But my lord has wisdom like the wisdom of the angel of God to know all things that are on the earth.
- Solomon asked for wisdom to rule (1 Kgs 3:5-9), is given wisdom to govern rightly
- Two women disputing over their child. Solomon was able to discern the truth
- **1 Kings 3:23-28** <sup>23</sup> Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; and the other says, 'No; but your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" <sup>24</sup> And the king said, "Bring me a sword." So a sword was brought before the king. <sup>25</sup> And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other." <sup>26</sup> Then the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because her heart yearned for her son, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him." <sup>27</sup> Then the king answered and said, "Give the living child to the first woman, and by no means put him to death; she is his mother." <sup>28</sup> And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.

## Conclusion

- Unsubscribe – strip away every hindrance
- Upgrade – be filled and walk in the Spirit
- Unlock – access every spiritual gift and ability