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Today's Word: counsellor

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Are You:

- Reading Your Scriptures Every Day?
- Saying Your Prayers Every Day?

Today's Scriptures

Isaiah 22; Isaiah 24-26; Isaiah 28-30

Next Week:

Lesson 48:

"The Great and Dreadful Day"

Zechariah 10-14;

Malachi

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Lesson 37:

"Thou Hast Done Wonderful Things"



Questions to Ponder

- What did Isaiah foresee about the latter-day restoration of the gospel?
- How is Jesus Christ our "sure foundation"?

The most important event in the history of the world was the birth of Jesus Christ. From the days of Adam to John the Baptist—some four millennia—righteous men and women looked to the day of His heralded birth. Prophets foretold the event, and sacrifices, symbolism, and signs portended His birth.

The birth of Jesus Christ was not ordinary. Though He had a mortal mother, Jesus did not have a human father. Sacred scripture testifies of the paternity of Jesus Christ. "He shall be born of Mary, . . . she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the son of God" (Alma 7:10) . . .

Because He was God—even the son of God—He could carry the weight and burden of other men's sins on Himself. Isaiah prophesied our Savior's willingness to do this in these words: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: . . . he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by his stripes we are healed" (Isa 53 4:5).

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"So frequently we mistakenly believe that our children need more things, when in reality their silent pleadings are simply for more of our time"

*—President Thomas S. Monson,
Ensign, May 1994, 62*