
Isaiah Series
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Sermon Title: Waiting on the World to Change

Scripture text: Isaiah 11:6-9

Outline:

Nature, Red in Tooth and Claw

A Whole New World



Questions:

1. When you picture Heaven, what do you picture? What were you taught about Heaven?
2. How is Isaiah's vision of the New Heavens/New Earth different from what we normally hear about Heaven?
3. How can we not despise God's creation, while at the same time not become too attached to the things of this world?
4. Discuss the quote, "God has never given up on His original creation purposes for the world."
5. What are some concrete ways that you can bring the Kingdom of God to earth now?
6. Discuss the following quote from N.T. Wright:

"What is promised in this passage (Revelation 21-22) is what Isaiah foresaw: a new heaven and a new earth replacing the old heaven and the old earth, which were bound to decay . . . As in Romans 8 and 1 Corinthians 15, the living God will dwell with and among his people, filling the city with his life and love and pouring out grace and healing in the river of life that flows from the city out to the nations. There is a sign here of the future project that awaits the redeemed in God's eventual new world. So far from sitting on clouds playing harps, as people often imagine, the redeemed people of God in the new world will be the agents of his love going out in new ways, to accomplish new creative tasks, to celebrate and extend the glory of his love" – N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*.