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WEEK 3 GOVERNANCE UPON HIS SHOULDERS

PRAYER

Lord, you are all we need. Yet we find ourselves prone to wonder. Come rule in us and help us to see that you are our all in all. In you, we lack NOTHING. In Jesus' name, Amen.

What are three things that you cannot leave home without?



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WORD

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29:1-11 (ESV)

► GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- On a scale of 1-10 (1 = not at all, 10 = always), how would you rate your ability to trust in God's sovereignty? Why do you rate yourself this way?
- 2. He is the Wonderful Counselor. In other words, his counsel is full of wonder. Have you ever heard wisdom or received advice from someone and thought, "That is so amazing. It must be God!" What was that piece of advice and did you heed it?
- 3. He is the Mighty God and there is nothing impossible for him. Why do you think people find it hard to trust in God's almighty strength and power? Do you trust him implicitly?

- 4. He is our Everlasting Father, meaning he is the Father who will never leave or forsake us, and he will always lead us in wisdom and strength. How does God's example of fatherhood compare to father figures you have had in your life?
- 5. Psalm 29:11 says, "May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!" How does God's power bring peace? Have you experienced this kind of peace, and are you experiencing it now? Why or why not?

PRAYER LIST

