

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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The Birth of the Savior
The Zeal of the LORD — An Unstoppable Divine Momentum

Texts: *Isaiah 9:6–7; Matthew 1:21–23; Galatians 4:4.*

“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. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” (Isa. 9:6-7 NKJ, emphasis added); compare Isaiah 7:14.

Matthew 1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21 NKJ).

Introduction: This season of celebrating the birth of the Savior highlights the culmination of God’s prophetic promise. At the center of these promises is **the zeal of the LORD**—not merely emotion or intensity but God’s *unstoppable, covenant-rooted determination*.

- “Zeal” or “passion” in Isaiah 9:7 means **God cares so strongly and works so eagerly to keep His promises that nothing can stop Him**. It means:
 1. **God always finishes what He starts.**
 - God isn’t just excited—He’s determined.
 - His plans don’t depend on people being perfect; He makes sure His plans happen.
 - Nothing—not our failures or any enemy—can stop what God has planned.
 2. **God has a plan, and He works it out step by step.**
 - God has always had a plan to save us.
 - He works through different people and moments in history to move His plan forward.
 - Every promise He makes is part of a bigger story He is completing.
 - God’s work isn’t accidental—He knows exactly what He’s doing.

From the promise in Eden to the covenants with patriarchs, prophets, and kings, God guides His people with deliberate intentionality. Each stage unfolds with precision, demonstrating that divine zeal is never chaotic—it is intentional momentum that advances God’s story toward fulfillment.

3. **God sent Jesus at just the right time.**
 - When the time was perfect, God sent His Son, Jesus (Galatians 4:4).
 - The birth of Jesus shows that God keeps His promises exactly when and how He chooses.
 - Jesus coming to earth—Immanuel, “God with us”—is the biggest proof of God’s unstoppable love and purpose.

The birth of the Savior stands as the ultimate testimony that the zeal of the LORD is unstoppable, unchanging, and unfailing - bringing His promises to pass in the fullness of time.

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