

# Messiah's Delight

# Isaiah 11:1-3a – Message

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**In your deepest distress, fix your hope on the Messiah, who is divinely capable and full of divine delight**

# Gospel Fear

“I want you to rejoice in this strange paradox that the gospel both frees us from fear and gives us fear. It frees us from our crippling fears, giving us instead a most delightful, happy, and wonderful fear...for Christians it really does not mean being afraid of God”

(Michael Reeves, *Rejoice and Tremble*, p. 16)

# **Messiah's Delight – Isaiah 11:1-3a**

- I. Fix your hope on the promised Messiah (1)**
- II. Yahweh's Spirit is the source of Messiah's character (2)**
- III. The fear of Yahweh is the source of Messiah's intense delight (3a)**

# Isaiah 6:13



**That tree is cut down  
leaving only the  
stump/root stock  
(the remnant)**



# Isaiah 11:1

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stump/root stock  
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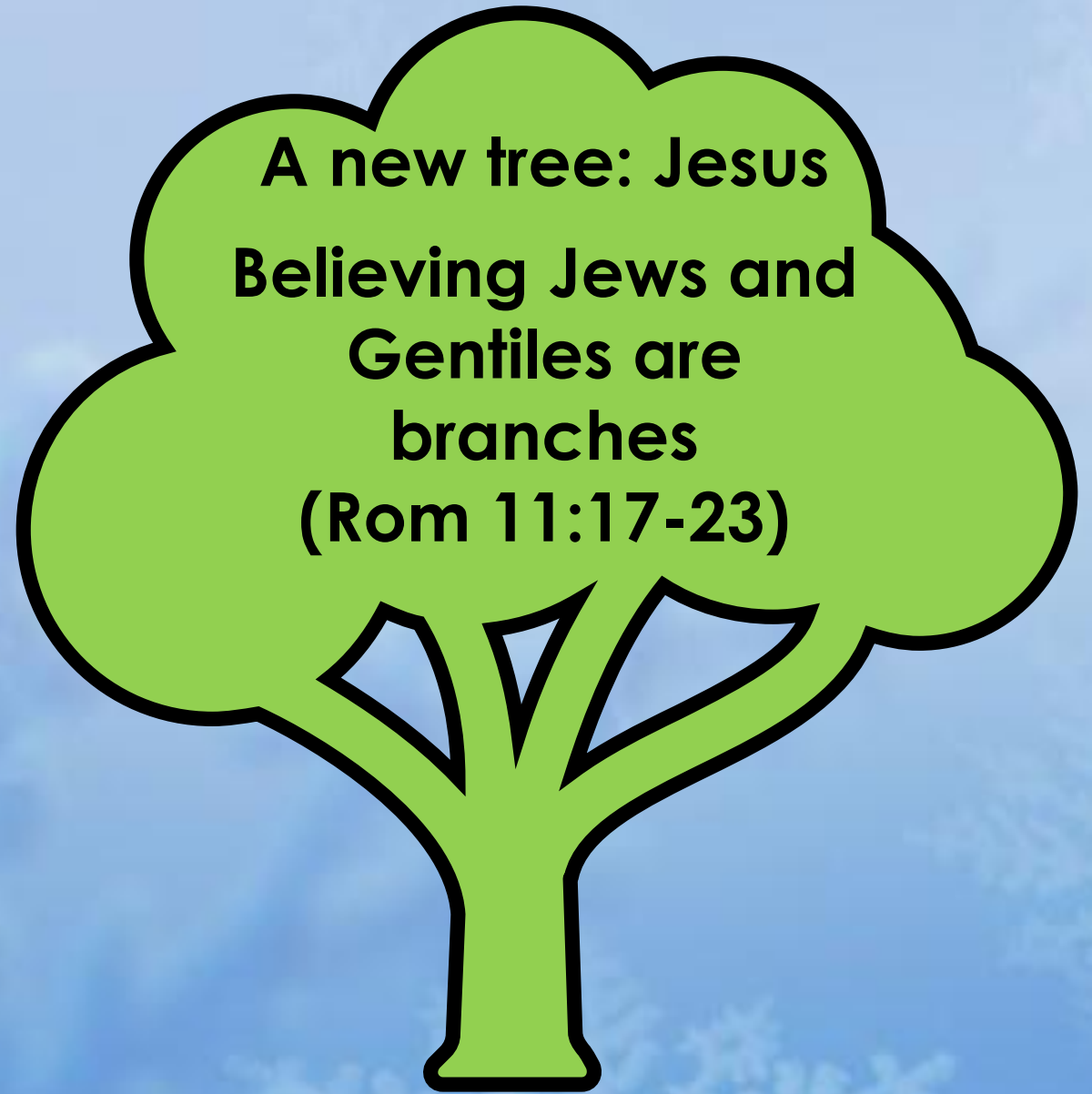


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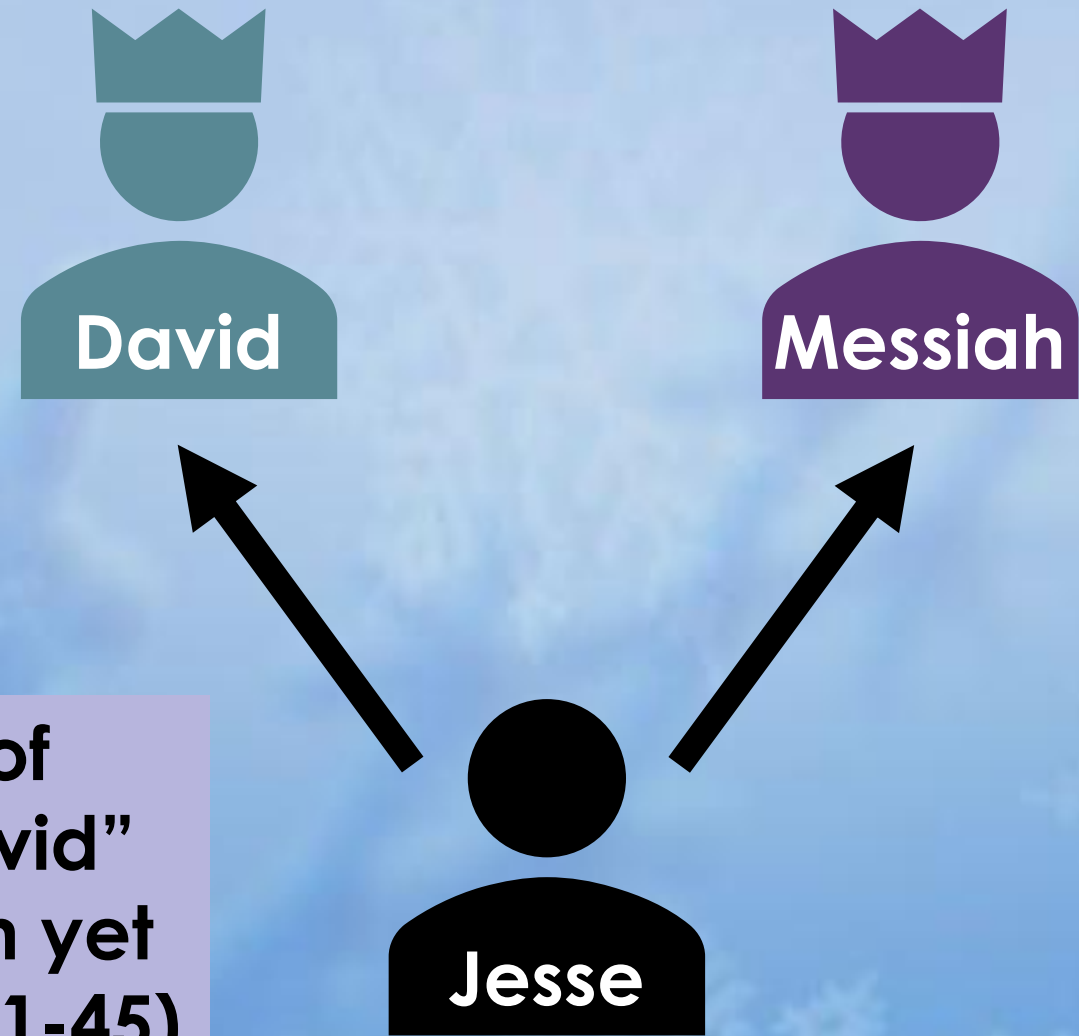
A new tree: Jesus  
Believing Jews and  
Gentiles are  
branches  
(Rom 11:17-23)



# Isaiah 11:1

While Messiah (Jesus) is from the line of David, He springs from the root stock of Jesse, not David

Springing from the root stock of Jesse, Messiah is “another David” —a greater David, David’s son yet David’s Lord (Ps 110:1; Mt 22:41-45)





# Promise of future hope

“Undated hope is a living, ever-present assurance for God’s people”

(Alec Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah*, p. 120)

# The Spirit's sevenfold influence on Messiah

**Holy Spirit** = Will personally rest on Messiah

**Wisdom** = Messiah understands life

**Understanding** = Messiah understands how to live well

**Counsel** = He understands how to guide us through life's troubles

**Might** = He is able to accomplish His Father's plans

**Knowledge** = He has a personal relationship with the Father

**Fear of Yahweh** = He has joyful, loving reverence with His Father

Isaiah 11:2; see Rev 1:4; 5:1-4

# Jesus – The Wisdom of God

“The Lord Jesus, says Paul, has become ‘for us wisdom from God’ (1 Cor. 1:30). Isaiah got there first, of course, and it is attractively tempting to think that Isaiah 11 was the apostle’s daily Bible reading the day he wrote to the Corinthians!”

“We cannot read Isaiah 11 (and crowds of other passages) without sensing afresh the wonder of our Bibles: such detailed anticipation and accurate forecasting of the Coming One”

By this we are “uplifted in wonder, love and praise of the one thus foreseen, the Lord Jesus Christ”

*(Alec Motyer, Isaiah By The Day, p. 72)*

# Isaiah 11:3

**“the fear of the Lord is not something the Messiah wishes to be without”**

**(Michael Reeves, *Rejoice and Tremble*, p. 17)**

# Isaiah 11:3 “Delight”

Delight means “to smell a pleasing odor”,  
thus, to delight in something  
(Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah*, p. 123)

The construction here “suggests that all  
[Messiah’s] capacity for delight spends itself  
on this great object” (*Ibid.*)