

INSPIRATION FROM ISAIAH

***Great Visions of God
from Isaiah 1-45***

***Jesus – Branch and Banner
Isaiah 11.1-12***

A new shoot from an old stump: v1;6.13

a new royal leader, pre-dating David's ancestry
- the Lord Jesus Christ John 12.41



1. God's Fruit-Bearing Branch, vs 1-5

- ***The secret of his remarkable impact vs 2-3***
 - ***conceived by the power of God's Spirit before his birth Luke 1.30-37***
 - ***anointed by God's Spirit at his baptism Luke 3.21-22; 4.1,18-19 (Is 61.1-2)***
 - ***empowered by God's Spirit for his ministry wisdom and understanding Luke 2.47; 4.32; 20.40,26; 19.48; Col 2.3 strategy and determination John 4.34; Luke 9.51; 13.31-33; John 17.4 knowledge and love for his Father God John 3.31-34; 8.29***

1. God's Fruit-Bearing Branch, vs 1-5

- ***The integrity of his character vs 3-5***
 - ***no superficial assessments vs 3-4***
a desire to meet people's deepest needs
 - ***his words are sufficient v4***
to execute his judgments Heb 4.12
 - ***his attractive dress code v5***
right and reliable in everything

2. God's Transformed World, vs 6-9

- ***Nature in perfect harmony vs 6-7***
 - ***cohabitation without exploitation Gen 1.30***
- ***Nature completely safe vs 8-9***
 - ***no harm when all under Christ's lordship v9***

3. God's Rallying Banner, vs 10-12

- ***The magnetic attraction of self-sacrifice v10***
 - ***the cross compels people's love John 12.32***
- ***The massive global ingathering vs 11-12***
 - ***God's hand is behind***
the modern missionary movement v9
Mat 24.31