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## SERMON OUTLINE

## JESUS IMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

ISAIAH 9:1-7  
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Isaiah 9:1-7 is a passage that many believers see that points to the coming of Jesus. The coming judgment that is referred to in the previous chapter is because of the rebellious hearts of Israel. But, what we see in this passage is that even in darkness, there will be light! What Isaiah points out is that there will be no gloom for them because of the coming invasion of the Assyrians. In the future, this will not be the case forever for them. He declares that the people will see a light and that will be their hope (vv. 1-2). God will multiply them

and increase their joy. He will give them the feeling that is the same as a great harvest time or a victory where they divide the treasures they will get after a battle (v. 3). All the oppression and hardships that they will experience, all those will be broken just like in the battle at Midian where God gave them complete victory. And it is a complete and total victory where there will be no more battles to fight because every equipment needed will be disposed of (vv. 4-5). And, this victory can be found in no one else except Jesus. The only son of God who is fully

divine and fully human. He will rule over us, and we will see and know who He is as our help, as the mighty God, as the everlasting God who also brings us peace (v. 6). He will rule over us in His eternal kingdom and it will come true because the Lord of hosts will do this (v. 7).

May we be encouraged that Jesus is with us always in our ups and downs, and in Him, we have victory, we have provision, and we have hope that is only found in Him. God bless everyone! Blessed Sunday! ✨

## CHOOSE JESUS!

T. KAREN MONROY

Every day we are faced with various situations wherein we have to choose and make decisions, from the moment we open our eyes in the morning up until we rest our heads at night. We are surrounded with choices. For instance, should I get out of bed early or sleep for a few more minutes? Should I exercise today or not? Should I eat breakfast? If so, what food shall I eat? What clothes should I wear? What time should I leave the house or what time should I login online for work or class? What are the household chores and errands that need to be done? When should I do it? Should I take a rest or not? What to watch, read, or do on a spare time? Should I agree to what my boss is saying? Do I need to be nice to my co-workers? Should I listen to my teachers? Should I help my parents? These are but a few of the choices that we make daily. Research tells us that we make thousands of choices every day. Majority of these said decisions are made unconsciously but as followers of Christ there is a choice that we are to consciously make and that is to follow and choose Jesus daily.

Being a follower of Christ is a daily thing. Daily, we must abide. Daily, we must surrender. Daily, we must carry our cross. Daily, we must live out Christ in us. Daily, we must choose Christ!

And as we choose Jesus, may we be reminded that we have been first chosen by God. God's decision to redeem believers from sin and death was planned all along in Christ. We have been chosen, adopted, and called to His family through Jesus Christ according to the purpose of His will.

*"Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in Beloved."*  
-Ephesians 1:4-6

The lyrics of a song goes,

*I choose Jesus, I choose Jesus  
The One who first chose me  
I choose Jesus, I choose Jesus  
For now and eternity*

*He chose to love me when I felt unlovable  
He chose to reach me when I felt unreachable  
He carried me out of my fear and doubt*

We are chosen, we are loved, and we are to respond by choosing Him daily. May these truths motivate us to live a life that is pleasing and glorifying before God. Whatever the circumstances you are in, the challenges that you may be facing, the

worries and distractions that you have in your mind, the uncertainties of life, choose Jesus!

As we go about the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, the yearend work and school requirements, the series of parties and reunions to attend, the errands and preparations for Christmas, remember to choose Jesus and act in a manner that will please and glorify Him.

As we choose Jesus, we depend not on our own strength but rather draw strength and confidence from the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to face life and anything else that goes with it. We find comfort and peace in God, peace that transcends all understanding.

Choosing Jesus every day is a choice that one must be determined to make even in the trying times that we are in. No one can do this for you, it is your choice, a personal decision and commitment to surrender and follow Him fully. As you choose Jesus every single day, it is my prayer that He will minister to you in ways you cannot even imagine. And that your love for Him will grow as His love for you abounds. So, choose Jesus! ✨

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