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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Isa. 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* (NIV)

Now although this passage is a foreshadowing of the coming Messiah, Jesus, it is also a preview of His second coming as well. In the first part of this prophecy, we see the baby Jesus, born in the city of David (to fulfill another prophecy). We celebrate His first coming at Christmas. The term son in this setting is a picture of His incarnation. Born as a physical son to Mary and Joseph, He was willing to put on human flesh and dwell among us. **John 1:14** *The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (NIV)

The second part of this prophecy is that He will reign over His kingdom here on earth. The reason that many Jewish people do not see Jesus as the Messiah is because He was welcomed into Jerusalem with a King's welcome in His triumphant entry, He was then subsequently arrested, tried, beaten, and crucified, thus they could not see Him as their King. And yet, He will come again, just as He said. He will rule over all the earth for a thousand years. People will see what Isaiah was proclaiming when he said: ***He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*** This world will finally see what it could have been if we would have just followed the LORD all along. A new heaven and a new earth. All people recognizing the Jesus is King and Messiah. And ultimately, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD!

Dear LORD, thank You for coming to be our sacrifice for sin. Thank You that You will come again to show this world Who You really are. You are KING of kings and LORD of lords. We praise You even now. In Jesus Name, Amen