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“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.” **(Isaiah 9:6)**

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- That God promises to provide for us (Matthew 6:31-33)
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- Because we have a certain hope beyond the grave.

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