

A Child is Born, a Son is Given

The Christmas Gift—part 2

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Last week we saw that the Messiah would be fully human and fully divine.

Isaiah 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.

DAY 1: Wonderful

Isaiah 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.

1. The first attribute is both attribute *and* adjective! The Hebrew word (“pele”) means “wondrous.”
2. In one sense, Isaiah means beyond what we can comprehend. That the Messiah will be *both* fully human *and* fully divine is beyond our understanding. He is a “wonder.” In this sense we would say, “Isn’t he wondrous?”
3. But Isaiah also uses the word as an adjective, as in “Isn’t He *wonderful*?”
4. The Messiah is wondrous in not only who He is but what He will do! We will see this in detail both this week and next week!
5. What strikes you from today’s devotional?

DAY 2: Counselor

*Isaiah 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.*

1. The second attribute we find in the Messiah is “Counselor.”

2. What Isaiah points to is the wisdom that Messiah both possesses and is!

3. Two chapters later, Isaiah gives us another prophecy of the One who will be from Jesse’s lineage, through King David.

*Isaiah 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—*

4. How is the wisdom of the Messiah (the Counselor) depicted in these verses? Jot down at least six facets.

Isaiah 11:3 ...and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

5. What else do we learn about the Messiah as “Counselor,” and His wisdom?

Isaiah 11:4 ...but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

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DAY 3: Mighty God

*Isaiah 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.*

1. This third title given to the Messiah is “Everlasting Father.” The Hebrew word is “El gibbor”.

2. In the book of Isaiah the word “El” is the name of God.”

3. “Gibbor” is used as an adjective, “God, the Mighty One.”

4. Moses used this same term in the book of Deuteronomy.

*Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great **God**, **mighty** and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.*

¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.

5. When we think of someone be mighty what usually comes to mind?

6. How is God’s might used in these verses in Deuteronomy?

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DAY 4: Everlasting Father

*Isaiah 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.*

1. We notice first that the Messiah is eternal. This is in contrast to all of creation which is temporal. With God there is no beginning, unlike all of us.

2. That He is eternal is wondrous in itself, but notice what the term “everlasting” depicts! That He is our Father.

3. As our Father, God takes on the responsibilities of fatherhood with us. Below, are some characteristics of good fathers. Next to each jot down what strikes you about God playing that role with you, both in this life and the next!

a. Guardian –

b. Wisdom –

c. Faithful -

d. Tender –

e. Provider –

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DAY 5: Prince of Peace

*Isaiah 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**.*

1. As the author of peace, the Messiah has the power to bring peace to those who seek Him.

2. He can bring us peace with God!

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

3. He can bring us peace in the midst of much trouble or suffering!

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

4. He gives us the power to seek and bring peace in our relationships.

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

5. And God can work on an international scale, again, when people and rulers turn to Him.

Zechariah 9:10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

6. And God can bring peace to our hearts when we are naturally worried or fearful.

Philippians 4:6 (RSV) Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

7. What strikes you from today's devotional?