

“Unto Us a Child Is Born, Unto Us a Son is Given!”

Isaiah 9:6-7

(Isaiah writes this passage approximately 700 years before the birth of Christ.)

***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.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.***

> ***For unto US a CHILD is born*** – Here Isaiah reveals the ***HUMANITY*** of the ***SAVIOR!***
– The Prophet Isaiah prophecies in 7:14-15 - *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

- Let's look at **Matthew 1:18-25**. What does **“Immanuel”** mean to you? _____

> ***Unto US a SON is given*** - Here Isaiah reveals the ***DIVINITY*** of ***Christ*** – Jesus said in **John 3:16** - ***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*** **Chuck Swindoll writes,** “The phrase ***“only begotten”*** translates the Greek word *monogenes*. According to the *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (BAGD, 3rd Edition), *monogenes* has two primary definitions. The first definition is “pertaining to being the only one of its kind within a specific relationship.” This is its meaning in Hebrews 11:17 when the writer refers to Isaac as Abraham's “only begotten son” (KJV). Abraham had more than one son, but Isaac was the only son he had by Sarah and the only son of the covenant. Therefore, it is the uniqueness of Isaac among the other sons that allows for the use of *monogenes* in that context. The second definition is ***“pertaining to being the only one of its kind or class, unique in kind.”*** **This is the meaning that is implied in John 3:16** (see also John 1:14, 18; 3:18; 1 John 4:9). John was primarily concerned with demonstrating that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:31), and he uses *monogenes* to highlight ***Jesus as uniquely God's Son—sharing the same divine nature as God***—as opposed to believers who are God's sons and daughters by adoption (Ephesians 1:5). Jesus is God's “one and only” Son. The bottom line is that terms such as “Father” and “Son,” descriptive of God and Jesus, are human terms that help us understand the relationship between the different Persons of the Trinity. If you can understand the relationship between a human father and a human son, then you can understand, in part, the relationship between the First and Second Persons of the Trinity. The analogy breaks down if you try to take it too far and teach, as some Christian cults (such as the Jehovah's Witnesses), that Jesus was literally “begotten” as in “produced” or “created” by God the Father. . . . Jesus is not God's Son in the sense of a human father and a son. God did not get married and have a son. God did not mate with Mary and, together with her, produce a son. Jesus is God's Son in the sense that He is

God made manifest in human form (John 1:1; 14). Jesus is God's Son in that He was conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:35 declares, "The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'"

- Let's look at John 1:1-18, what is in Him for you?

Verse 4 – In Him is LIFE!

Verse 9 – He gives us LIGHT!

Verse 17 - What comes through Him for you? GRACE and TRUTH!

(And the government will be upon His shoulder (ref. verse 8))

> And His name will be called WONDERFUL! – In *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words* The Hebrew noun is *pele'* – *a wonder, marvel*. **Christ is wonderful and marvelous!**

- Let's dig a little deeper, the Hebrew verb is *pala'* - "*to be marvelous, be extraordinary, be beyond one's power to do, do wonderful acts.*" Found in both biblical and modern Hebrew, *pala'* occurs some 70 times in the Hebrew Old Testament. The verb is found for the first time in Gen 18:14: "*Is any thing too hard for the Lord?*" *Pala'* is used primarily with God as its subject, expressing actions that are beyond the bounds of human powers or expectations. This idea is well expressed by the psalmist: "*This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes*" Ps 118:23. Deliverance from Egypt was the result of God's wondrous acts: "*And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in [it]...*" Ex 3:20. Praise is constantly due God for **all His wonderful deeds** Ps 9:1. At the same time, God does not require anything of His people that is too hard for them Deut 30:11. Although something may appear impossible to man, it still is within God's power: "*If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts*" Zech 8:6.

- Let's journey to John chapter 9:30-38 and see something MARVELOUS!

What wonderful and marvelous things has Jesus done for you? _____

Or what would you like for Him to do for you? _____

> And His name will be called COUNSELOR! - Psalm 33:11-12 - *The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.* Psalm 73:24 - *You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.*

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30 - *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*"

- Don't WORRY – BELIEVE! Turn to Matthew 6:25-34, what is His counsel for you? _____

> ***And His name will be called MIGHTY GOD!*** - This is one, and but one out of many, of the instances in which the name God is applied to the Messiah; compare John 1:1; Rom 9:5; 1 John 5:20; John 20:28; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 1:8. The name 'mighty God,' is unquestionably attributed to the true God in Isaiah 10:21.

- Is He your “MIGHTY GOD”? _____ In what areas of your life do you need strength or might? _____

> ***And His name will be called EVERLASTING FATHER!*** - This is a difficult passage, how can a Son be a Father? Bible expositor and teacher Warren Wiersbe writes, “*Everlasting Father*” does not suggest that the Son is also the Father, for each Person in the Godhead is distinct. “**Father of eternity**” is a better translation. Among the Jews, the word “**father**” means “**originator**” or “**source**.” For example, Satan is the “father [originator] of lies” (John 8:44, NIV). If you want anything eternal, you must get it from Jesus Christ; He is the **Father of eternity.**”

> ***And His name will be called PRINCE OF PEACE!*** - John 14:26-28 - *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

> ***Of the increase of HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE there will be no end, upon the THRONE OF DAVID and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this*** - His government and His peace will the world at His Second Coming! Six times in Revelation chapter 20 we told of Christ reign on earth for 1000 years, this is what's known as the “*Millennial Reign of Christ*”.

- Are you ready for Jesus to reign? Turn to Revelation 3:7-13.

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