

“The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father”

Isaiah 9:6

There are 256 different names ascribed to the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible. Why so many? Because He is infinitely greater than any one name can express.

Last week we looked at the names *“Wonderful, Counselor.”* *“Wonderful”* speaks of Christ's PERSONALITY. Nothing dull or boring about Jesus!!! *“Counselor”* refers to His PROFESSION—His counsel is always right.

In this message we will consider the names *“The Mighty God”* and *“The Everlasting Father.”* Both these titles confirm the deity of Christ. *“The M God”* denotes His omnipotence. *“The E e a Father”* refers to His eternality. Both attributes of God. He is the *“I A ”* (John 8:58).

I. *“The Mighty God”*— Speaks of His POWER.

➡ The common name for God in Hebrew is *“El-ohim.”* The two letters *“El”* convey the idea of MIGHT and POWER.

A. He is mighty in ESSENCE.

1. He has **INHERENT might**. Jesus did not acquire might. He has always been mighty. Might is resident in His person.
 - Everything else in creation gets its strength from another source—Angels get their power from God. Animals get their strength from God. Man gets his strength from God (Acts 17:25). But Jesus needs nothing to make Him mighty. He is mighty in and by Himself.
2. He has **INSTINCTIVE might**. It is His nature to be mighty.
 - Just as *“God is love”*—He loves because He is love.
 - Just as *“God is light”*—He gives light because He is light.
 - Just as *“God is holy”*—He is holy because He is holy.
 - Likewise, *“God is mighty”* because that is who He is.

B. He is mighty in EXPERIENCE.

➡ God's might is often connected with warfare in the Bible. Isaiah 42:13—*The LORD shall go forth as a a ...he shall prevail against his enemies.* Psalm 24:8—*Who is this King*

of glory? The LORD strong and _____, the LORD
ba e.

1. He is **mighty in PAST experience**. Jesus conquered the devil at Calvary (Col. 2:14-15). Satan is no match for Jesus!
2. He is **mighty in PRESENT experience**. His might may be experienced in the battles we face in life.
 - ...we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (Rom. 8:37)
 - Thanks be to God, which giveth [present tense] us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)
 - Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ. (2 Cor. 2:14)
 - The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but
G d to the pulling down of strong holds. (2 Cor. 10:4)
- a) Some Christians have “amusement park” religion. They are riding a spiritual roller-coaster all the time. On minute they soar to spiritual heights, but then they zoom down into a spiritual abyss.
- b) We don’t fight against Satan in our might. We put on the whole armor of God and we’re “ e L d, a d
 e e HIS MIGHT.” There is VICTORY IN JESUS now (1 John 5:4).

C. He is **mighty in EXCELLENCE**.

1. The **PREEMINENCE of His might**. He is T e ONE and ONLY mighty God. All other “gods” are powerless.
 - God doesn’t want second place, OR first place in your life. He wants ALL THE PLACES in our lives. He doesn’t play third, second, or first fiddle. He plays them ALL.
2. The **PREDOMINANCE of His might**. God (“Elohim”)—The mighty One + the descriptive adjective “*mighty*” (Heb. gibbôr) making God DOUBLY mighty—He is the STRONG, STRONG God. He is the POWERFUL, POWERFUL God. He is the MIGHTY, MIGHTY God! The **ALMIGHTY**.

3. The **PREVALENCE of His might**. He is mighty EVERYWHERE and in EVERY SITUATION.
 - He is mighty to SAVE anyone who calls upon His name.
 - He is mighty to SUSTAIN and keep you.
 - He is mighty to SOLVE any problem you face in life.

“But you don’t know what I’m going through. You don’t know the difficult circumstances I’m facing.” You’re right, I don’t know your problem, but “I know your God!” (Song by Down East Boys).

II. **“The Everlasting Father”—Speaks of His PARENTHOOD.**

A. This title speaks of His **COMPLEX Role**.

1. A theological paradox in calling Jesus “*The Everlasting Father*” and “*the Son of the Father*.” Each member of the Trinity is separate, yet all are equally one God. The Father is not the Son; the Son is not the Father, yet both are called Father.
2. We need to understand the way the word “*father*” is used. The word “*father*” can mean— The “originator;” “the author of;” “the founder” (e.g. Founding Father).
 - For example: Satan is called “*the father of lies*” (John 8:44). Jabal—the “*father of those who dwell in tents*” (Gen. 4:20). Jubal—the “*father of all such as handle the harp and organ*” (Gen. 4:21).
 - Jesus is the “Father” of all that is everlasting/eternal. Jesus is the “Father” of forever.
 - Jesus was Father before you got here. He’s Father now. And He’ll be the Father of His children forever.

B. This title speaks of His **CONTINUOUS Rule**. “*Father*” is an authority figure (ruler). “*Everlasting*” means on-going/continuous.

1. The SPAN of His rule. Jesus did not start to rule at Bethlehem or Calvary or when He ascended. He’s always been in control.

2. The SPHERE of His rule. As “*The EVERLASTING Father,*” He transcends time and space. Psalm 90:2—“... *e e a - e e a , a G d.*”
3. The SUFFICIENCY of His rule. We usually think in terms of eternity past or eternity future. But as far as God is concerned, **eternity is NOW**. Isaiah 57:15 says He is “*the high and lofty One that ab e e e .*”
 - He can take care of your past...He will take care of your future... And He will take care of you right now.

C. This title speaks of **His CARING Relationship**.

➡As a good Father He cares for us does what is best for us.

1. As a Father, He PROTECTS and watches over His “youngin’s.”
2. As a Father, He PROVIDES (Mt. 6:26, 28-30).
3. As a Father, He PUNISHES His children when we disobey (chastening).
4. As a Father, He’s PLEASED when His children do His will.

SUMMATION: Jesus is “*the mighty God.*” There is nothing He cannot do... There is no problem He cannot solve. There is no sinner He cannot save.

Because Jesus is my “*The Everlasting Father*”—

- He loves me with an “*everlasting love*” (Jer. 31:3).
- He gave me “*everlasting life*” when I believed on His name (John 3:16).
- He secures me in His “*everlasting salvation*” (Isa. 45:17).
- He upholds me in His “*everlasting arms*” (Dt. 33:27).
- One day I will dwell with Him in His “*everlasting kingdom*” (2 Pet. 1:11).

Those who die without Him, will be cast into “*everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Mt. 25:41).

Is He YOUR God? Is He YOUR Father? (God? or Satan?)