

The Names of Jesus

Part 2: Everlasting Father, 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.*

Revision of Last Time

We looked at the meaning behind our names. Trade names for example. Jesus was given his name by Joseph; adoption by earthly father. "Jesus" means **Yahweh saves**, also commemorating Joshua. The names in **Isaiah 9** are the Messiah Throne Names.

Wonderful Counsellor; Wonderful, Pala = something uncommon or out of the ordinary = a phenomenon lying outside the realm of the ordinary.

The translation can also read; Wonder of a counsellor, or Wonder counsellor
So it is what he does, also who he is, "He, himself, is the wonder"

The term Counsellor must be understood in its ancient context of a prophet, judge, or king of Israel giving wisdom or 'counsel'.

Isaiah 28:29 *All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom.*

Mighty God; God / El, Mighty / Gibbor. It can be read as God-Hero, as the Messiah was expected to be. Jesus' divinity can be seen before his birth and during his earthly ministry.

FEEDBACK

The "I am" phrases...

Everlasting Father

A leader or king of a nation can claim to be the father of it. How can Jesus be the Father of the Kingdom of God?

Some commentators consider 'father' in Hebrew means 'possessor of', so giving a meaning of 'possessor of eternity'. Jesus was a child in time, through the incarnation, as well as inhabiting and possessing eternity. He is Independent of time and independent of His creation. In the Book of Revelation He is given the name Alpha to Omega (Biblical reference below)

Isaiah 57:15a *For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy...*

Name is Eternal; **Psalms 72:17** *May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!*

Eternal provider; **Revelation 21:6** *And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.*

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DISCUSSION

Now read Exodus 3:13-14, then read John 8:56-58
What two things is Jesus saying here?

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Hebrews 13:5-8 *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.*

Verse 8 has a statement about Jesus,

Verse 5 has a quote from Joshua, attributed to Jesus. (cfi **Deuteronomy 31:6**) What does it say to us now?

Consider the quote from **Psalm 118:5-7** *In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free. ⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? ⁷ The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.*

What does this say to you? When Jesus has been there for you?

The outcome of Jesus being everlasting father is *'it demands that we turn from our limitations to an uninhibited dependence on the father of eternity who has no limitations'*.

Prince of Peace

Shar Shalom meaning the one who removes all peace disturbing factors and secures the peace. Opposite to a typical monarch and opposite to the expected Messiah. The Messiah, Prince of Peace, was expected to bring peace. But how? The expectation was peace would come by the destruction of Israel's enemies so that peace would exist in Jerusalem.

In defining the term Shalom we will examine a time where Jesus used it...

DISCUSSION

Read Mark 5:24b-34

Consider all the things Jesus has done for the woman.

In the Old Testament Shalom is also translated into English as 'well-being', or even 'prosperity'. See Psalm 72. So Shalom is defined as a wholeness of the political, economic, social, and spiritual. The term covers health, prosperity, security, friendship, and salvation. It is used regarding the nation of Israel, families, and individuals.

In Greek Classical literature (non-biblical) works **Eirēnē** means '**absence of war**'. However in the New Testament usage, its meaning is meant to parallel shalom, so '**peace**' in the NT should also be read as shalom.

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How does Jesus bring peace in the following texts?

Colossians 1:19-22: *For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour.²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation*

Mark 4:39: *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.*

Acts 10:36: *You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.*

Ephesians 2:13f *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.*

DISCUSSION

So what does this all mean to us today?

Consider the following passages;

John 14:27: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Ephesians 4:3: *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

Galatians 5:22: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

And in Ezekiel 34:25-31 what is promised to us in this Covenant of Peace?

For Further Study

Read again Psalm 72

Consider the different aspects of shalom; including political, economic, social, and spiritual.

Read Leviticus 26:3-7

See if you can identify the different aspects of Shalom in this text.

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