

**DESCRIPTIVE NAMES OF MESSIAH
THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PERMANENCE
PART 4-THE EVERLASTING FATHER
ISAIAH 9:6**

Introduction

We've been looking at the **DESCRIPTIVE NAMES OF MESSIAH** that are given in *Isaiah 9:6*. The first part of this verse speaks of **MESSIAH'S FIRST ADVENT** as our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** is both the **CHILD** that is born unto us and the **SON** that is given to us!

The last part of the verse has to do with **CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT** when **HE REIGNS** on the earth! Thus far we have seen that **HIS** name shall be called **WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, AND THE MIGHTY GOD!**

Today, we look at the next name—**THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PERMANENCE!**

Of all the names given to **JESUS** in *ISAIAH 9:6*, "**EVERLASTING FATHER**" is probably the hardest to understand. How could this **CHILD** that would be born—**JESUS THE MESSIAH**, the **SECOND PERSON OF THE GODHEAD**, the **SON OF GOD**—be called **EVERLASTING FATHER?**

What does it mean to say that **JESUS** is our **EVERLASTING FATHER?** How is it that **JESUS** can be an **EVERLASTING FATHER** to us?

Well, understand that **EVERLASTING FATHER** refers to **JESUS' FATHER-LIKE CHARACTER!** **JESUS**, as **HE REIGNS** on this earth, will **PROVIDE** for and **PROTECT HIS CHILDREN** with **WISDOM** and **COMPASSION!** *So how does this relate to us right now?...*

I. "EVERLASTING" MEANS WE HAVE A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

The word "**EVERLASTING**" – means *perpetual, eternal, forever, without end.*

JESUS CHRIST IS GOD! And being **GOD** means that **HE** is **ETERNAL— WITHOUT BEGINNING OR END!**

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*Psalms 90:2—“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, **even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**”*

We need to understand that the moment one places their **FAITH and TRUST** in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** for **SALVATION**, an **ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP** is created!

JESUS CHRIST, GOD in the flesh, came to earth to establish **ETERNAL, PERMANENT RELATIONSHIPS** with those who are **BORN AGAIN** into **HIS FAMILY!**

Though others may lose interest in us and/or move on with their lives, the great thing about **JESUS**, our **MESSIAH**, is that **HE IS EVERLASTING!** **HE** never loses interest in us, **HE** never moves on from us, and **HE** ever **LIVES** in us and for us who are **BORN AGAIN!** **HE'S** always there!

*Hebrews 13:5–6 – “5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.** 6 So that we may boldly say, *The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*”*

HE is the same **yesterday, and today and forever!** (*Hebrews 13:8*) And because **HE'S EVERLASTING** that means **HIS RELATIONSHIP** with us is a **PERMANENT** one!

A. HE LOVES Us With An EVERLASTING LOVE!
JESUS CHRIST will never stop **LOVING** us!

And get this, **HE** can never **LOVE** us **any more or less** than **HE** already does right now.

*Isaiah 54:8—“In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with **everlasting kindness** will I have mercy on thee, saith the **LORD thy Redeemer.**”*

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Jeremiah 31:3–“The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”

HE LOVES Us With An EVERLASTING LOVE!

- B. HE SAVES Us With An EVERLASTING SALVATION!**
GOD came to earth, in the **PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST**, to establish and develop a **PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP** with us. That **RELATIONSHIP** could only be established once we had been **DELIVERED FROM SIN!** And **HE** made the way with **HIS DEATH, BURIAL** and **RESURRECTION!**

When **JESUS** saves us, **HE** saves us **FOREVER!** Sadly, there are many that don't understand this **TRUTH!**

John 3:16–“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:36–“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

John 5:24–“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

John 6:40–“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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If you have placed your **FAITH** and **TRUST** completely in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** and have given your life over to **HIM**, you can be assured that **HIS LOVE AND HIS SALVATION WILL NEVER END!**

CHRIST has a **PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP** with us that includes **HIS EVERLASTING LOVE AND EVERLASTING LIFE!**

“EVERLASTING” MEANS WE HAVE A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

II. “FATHER” MEANS WE HAVE A PATERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

Now, for a moment I want you make sure that you cast off any negative feelings you might have regarding your earthly **FATHER**. Not every earthly **FATHER** was or is a **GOOD FATHER!**

ISAIAH records that this **CHILD** that was to be born and this **SON** that would be given would be called **“EVERLASTING FATHER”**.

Why is the **MESSIAH** called a **FATHER**? That sounds rather confusing to call **GOD THE SON, JESUS CHRIST, “FATHER”**.

Let me remind you of what **JESUS** said:

John 10:30–“I and my Father are one.”

John 14:8-9–“Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”

JESUS CHRIST is a **reflection** of the **HEAVENLY FATHER** to us! That means the **CHARACTERISTICS** of the **HEAVENLY FATHER** are found in **HIM!** **But consider four other things:**

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A. Our EVERLASTING FATHER Gave Us LIFE!

1 Corinthians 15:21–22–“21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:45, 47, 49– “45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit...47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven...49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly”

*Hebrews 12:2–“Looking unto Jesus the **author** and finisher of our faith...”*

B. Our EVERLASTING FATHER Gives Us ADVICE!

Oh how valuable the **ADVICE** is from a wise **FATHER!**

Proverbs 2:6–“ For the LORD giveth wisdom: Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.”

We’ve already seen in a previous message how that **JESUS** is our **COUNSELOR!**

JESUS told **HIS DISCIPLES:**

Luke 21:15–“For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.”

How many times over the years have sought **WISDOM** or **ADVICE** from our **FATHERS?**

Mark Twain said, *“When I was a boy of 14 my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to 21, I was astonished at how much the old man learned in 7 years.”*

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Why did we go to our earthly FATHERS and ask ADVICE?

Their experience at having lived through the same things we had before us.

Hebrews 2:18– “For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

We TRUSTED them to have our best interest in mind.

Do you think **JESUS** has your best interest at heart?

I can tell you confidently that **HE** does!

My earthly **FATHER** is no longer around. He died 12/28/97. I miss him. I miss his **WISDOM** and **ADVICE** though he had limitations!

But, **JESUS** has no limitations and, as **EVERLASTING FATHER**, is always around and always available to give **FATHERLY ADVICE!**

C. Our EVERLASTING FATHER Gives Us LOVE!

John 15:9–“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.”

I loved it when my kids were little and wanted to snuggle with me. In my arms, they knew they were **LOVED!**

That’s the way I look at **JESUS** as a **FATHER**. I know **HE LOVES** me, even more than my earthly **FATHER** could ever have **LOVED** me!

I know **JESUS** will always be there to put **HIS** nail-scarred hands around me and remind me of how much I am **LOVED!**
Our EVERLASTING FATHER GIVES US LIFE...WISDOM ...LOVE

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D. Our EVERLASTING FATHER Gives Us PROTECTION!
As an earthly **FATHER** I wanted to **PROTECT** and still want to **PROTECT** my children but I had and still have limitations!

When my kids were in my arms, I wanted them to know they they were **LOVED**, **SAFE** and **SECURE**, no matter what was happening around them. But the reality is that I couldn't always be there to **PROTECT** them!

But **JESUS** has no such limitations! **HE IS OMNISCIENT, HE IS OMNIPRESENT, HE IS OMNIPOTENT!**
2 Thessalonians 3:3—“But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.”

Hebrews 13:5-6—“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

JESUS never lets **HIS** guard down and **HE** never lets us down!
HE is always there for us to run to, to keep us **SAFE**, to **PROTECT** us from **EVIL!**

John 10:27-28—“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

JESUS is an **EVERLASTING FATHER** to **HIS OWN!**
The **RELATIONSHIP** that we have with **HIM**, if we are **BORN OF HIM**, is both an **EVERLASTING RELATIONSHIP (PERMANENT)** and a **PATERNAL RELATIONSHIP (HE IS OUR FATHER!)** which makes it a **VERY POWERFUL RELATIONSHIP!**

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III. WE CAN HAVE A POWERFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!
HE gives us the **POWER** needed to **LIVE** a life that is pleasing to **HIM** through the gift of **HIS HOLY SPIRIT** within us and **HIS HOLY WORD!**

We can **ALWAYS** depend upon **HIM** for the **POWER** we need!

What an awesome **SAVIOUR** we have! **HE** is **WONDERFUL**, **HE** is **COUNSELOR!** He is **THE MIGHTY GOD!** **HE** is our **EVERLASTING FATHER!**

Conclusion

He is not just going to be known as **EVERLASTING FATHER** in **HIS MILLENNIAL KINGDOM**, but **HE** is our **EVERLASTING FATHER!**

And because **HE** is our **EVERLASTING FATHER**, we can run to **HIM!**

Do you have the need for a **TRUE FATHER** today?— **this EVERLASTING FATHER!** If you have never come to **HIM** for **SALVATION**, then you really don't know what you are missing out on!
Run to **HIM** today!

If **HE** already is your **EVERLASTING FATHER...**Do you have a need for **HIS ADVICE** or **HIS WISDOM** in something you are facing right now?

Don't walk in your own **WISDOM** and **WAYS!** Run to your **EVERLASTING FATHER** today and walk in **HIS WISDOM** and **WAYS?**

CHERISH that **POWERFUL RELATIONSHIP** with **CHRIST** that is both **PERMANENT** and **PATERNAL!**