

**DESCRIPTIVE NAMES OF MESSIAH
THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS POWER
PART 3-THE MIGHTY GOD
ISAIAH 9:6; REVELATION 19:11-21; PSALM 2**

Introduction

We're working our way through the **DESCRIPTIVE NAMES OF MESSIAH** found in *Isaiah 9:6*. We have seen how that the **CHILD** that the **LORD GOD PROPHESED** to **ISAIAH** would be born, would be called **WONDERFUL** and **COUNSELOR** and then last week we began looking at how **HE** would be called **THE MIGHTY GOD!**

That **PROPHECY** is clearly pointing to the time when the **MESSIAH**, our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** would be that **CHILD** that would be born and the **SON** that was given at **HIS FIRST ADVENT** (or coming)!

But we need to understand that this passage **also** points to **CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN** on earth after **HIS SECOND COMING!**

It says, *"...and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called..."* The government shall be upon **HIS** shoulder when **HE** rules and reigns for a literal 1000 year period on this earth. That is when **HE** will be fully known by these **five descriptive titles**. *Isaiah 9:7* also shows us that this refers primarily to **CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN**.

We began looking at that third title that is given to **HIM**—that of *"THE MIGHTY GOD."* Not **a** mighty god, but *"THE MIGHTY GOD!"* **THIS IS THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS POWER!**

Though **CHRIST'S ALMIGHTY POWER** is shown in **HIS CREATION** and **HIS MIRACLES**, and even in **HIS RESURRECTION**, none of that is what *Isaiah 9:6* is pointing to.

The word *"mighty"* used here in *Isaiah 9* is different than the words referring to the **LORD** as being *"GOD ALMIGHTY"* or the places referring to **HIS omnipotence**.

Yes, this word speaks of **CHRIST** as being powerful, but it shows **HIM** primarily as a **powerful warrior**. This word is also translated in other places as *champion, chief, giant, mighty (man, one), strong (man), valiant man*.

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It points to the **CHRIST** that we read about in *Revelation 19:11-21*, at the close of the **TRIBULATION PERIOD** when **CHRIST** comes in **POWER** and **GREAT GLORY** at **HIS SECOND COMING!**

Our text for last week and today is *Psalms 2* which predicts what we see in *Revelation 19*.

We said that *Psalms 2* is about the **WORLD SYSTEM** that has shown nothing but **REBELLION** against **GOD** since the day that sin entered the world!

This **REBELLION** has gotten worse and worse, but it will not be seen in its fullness until its final form during the **TRIBULATION PERIOD!**

Here in *Psalms 2* we see the world is presented exactly as it is. Then, we see that **GOD'S** viewpoint is presented and how **GOD** will successfully set **CHRIST** on the throne as the ruler of this world, despite all of the heathen conniving and planning against **GOD!**

It will all work out in the end just as **GOD** has planned! Amen!
It will work out that **CHRIST (THE ANOINTED ONE)** will show **HIMSELF** to be *"THE MIGHTY GOD!"*

Last week we dealt with the first three verses of *Psalms 2* and we saw:

- I. *THE REBELLION AGAINST GOD BY MAN! (PSALM 2:1-3)*
The **PSALMIST** is amazed that the world would antagonistically plot to overthrow the very authority of **GOD** by rebelling against **GOD!**
 - A. *The Strong Emotion In Their Efforts Against GOD!*
"Why do the heathen rage. . ." (Vs 1a)
 - B. *The Futility Of Their Efforts Against GOD!*
"Why do. . .the people imagine a vain thing" (Vs 1b)
 - C. *The Organization Of Their Efforts Against GOD!*
They "...set themselves. .and...take counsel together..." (vs 2)

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This morning we pick up in *Verse 4* with...

II. THE REACTION OF GOD TO MAN! (PSALM 2:4-9)

A. The LORD Laughs! (Vs 4)

HE is laughing, not at man's sin, but at how little, insignificant man thinks that he can win a war against **GOD!**

Remember in the book of **DANIEL** the story of King **BELSHAZZAR** of **BABYLON** and how he did an "*in your face*" thing against the **LORD**? He called for the vessels that had been carried out of the **TEMPLE** of the **LORD** in **JERUSALEM** to be brought to him. And then he partied and drank wine in those **SACRED VESSELS** while he praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood and of stone.

And then the fingers of a man's hand that wrote a phrase on the wall that eventually **DANIEL** interpreted for the king.

Daniel told Belshazzar in *Daniel 5:23*—"*But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:*"

The **LORD'S** message to **BELSHAZZAR** was:

- 1) **GOD** hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it!
- 2) Thou art weighed in the **BALANCES**, and art found wanting!
- 3) Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians!

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The **LORD** is the **ONE WHO** had the last word in **BELSHAZZAR'S** life and kingdom and killed the party!

The **LORD** is the **ONE WHO** holds the universe together! *Colossians 1:17*—". . .by him all things consist."

Acts 17:28—"*For in him we live, and move, and have our being*"

Hebrews 1:3 says that **HE** upholds all things by the **WORD** of **HIS POWER!**

The **LORD** is the **ONE WHO** will say when the end will come for **HIS** enemies!

B. The LORD Decrees! (Vs 5-7)

GOD will set **HIS SON** as **KING** in **ZION!** The **PROMISED MESSIAH** will come, as **HE** said, and destroy the armies of the earth!

The resistance of man will be broken and shattered! All of their wicked counsels against **GOD** will be brought to nothing!

Their rage will be turned to howling and the **bands** that man sought to **cast away** will crush the very ones who fought them.

The **LORD'S** decrees are unstoppable!

Isaiah 14:27—"*For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?*"

GOD has decreed that **JESUS, HIS SON**, will triumph over **HIS** adversaries!

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GOD has decreed that when **JESUS** comes again, all the people of the earth, every nation, will be under **HIS** rule!

Some may ask, “How sure is it that this will come to pass?”
Matthew 24:35–“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

There is nothing more sure than **GOD’S WORD!**

THE REBELLION AGAINST GOD BY MAN!

THE REACTION OF GOD TO MAN! (and lastly...)

III. THE RIGHT REACTION OF MAN EXPECTED BY GOD!
(PSALM 2:10-12)

Simply Put–**REPENT** And **BELIEVE THE GOSPEL**–Now!

A. Be Wise Now–Be Instructed! (i.e. Get smart!)

Not wise in their own conceit, but wise to the **TRUTH!**

Proverbs 22:3–“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.”

The right thing for men to do is to see the folly of their sin and rebellion! (i.e. See the destruction coming and turn from it!)

B. Serve The LORD With Fear And Rejoice With Trembling!

One problem with sinful man is that “*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*” (*Romans 3:18*)

Some say it is not right to use **FEAR** as a motivator, but **FEAR** can be a powerful motivator.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR found that out by experience:

Daniel 4:37–“Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.”

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But **BELSHAZZAR**, his grandson didn’t learn from his grandfather’s experience.

Daniel 5:22-23–“And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; 23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven;. . .and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:”

It’s not hard to stand against the wicked tide of this world when you know that a greater force is coming in the person of **GOD’S OWN SON!**

C. Surrender And Worship The LORD To Be Blessed!

The phrase “*Kiss the Son*” is an act of surrender and worship.

Make things right with **GOD** while **HIS** anger is still contained! There is a time element there in *verse 12*.

GOD’S MERCY is extended now, but it won’t be forever!

2 Peter 3:9–“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

After a person dies, there are **no second chances**; there is **no mercy**; there is **no reincarnation**; there is **no purgatory!**

The time to kiss the **SON** and acknowledge **HIM** is now!

For those who trust **HIM** and believe on **HIM**, there is blessedness! Peace is made with **GOD** and so **GOD’S** anger is passed!

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Conclusion

Where do you stand with the **SON OF GOD** today?

Are you with those who scorn **GOD** and **HIS GRACE** that is only found through **HIS SON**?

Maybe you are straddling the fence! You are not really for **CHRIST** (you've not trusted **HIM** as your **LORD** and **SAVIOUR**), but you don't see yourself as against **HIM** either! But listen to the words of **JESUS**:

***Luke 11:23**—“He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.”*

If you are not with **HIM**, then, in **HIS** eyes, you are against **HIM**! In the words of the prophet **ELIJAH**:

***1 Kings 18:21**—“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the **LORD** be God, follow him: but if Baal [a heathen god of their own making], then follow him,”*

Be wise now and be instructed while you can! **REPENT** of your sin, then serve the **LORD** with **FEAR** and **REJOICE** with trembling!

Surrender to **HIM** today and worship **HIM** so that you can be blessed both now and throughout all eternity!

If you have been saved, are you ready to stand before **HIM** and give an account of your life as a **BELIEVER**? Or are there some things in your life that you would be ashamed of at **HIS COMING**?

The altars are open, let's do business with **GOD** today!