

INTRODUCTION

* The season of Advent is a time to reflect upon the incarnation of Jesus the Christ (YHWH in the flesh) who came in order to be the payment of our sins. He did this in order that we might be reconciled to God and have peace with God. This was important in order that we might be able to live with God for all of eternity – eternal **life** does not begin after you die, but when you are reconciled to God!

* Today is the second message in our Advent series on the names of Jesus Christ recorded in Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 9:6-7. Isaiah gives four names for the child that will be born. Each name is a doublet – two consecutive Hebrew words. From the use of those words in Hebrew in the Old Testament, it is compelling and overwhelming that these four names are titles for YHWH, the LORD Himself. Thus, YHWH Himself is promising in Isaiah 9:6 that YHWH will come as a child and become One called by these names.

* Last week's message was on "Wonderful Counselor". Today we consider the second doublet -- "Mighty God".

INSTRUCTION**I. The Big Picture** Isaiah 9:6-7

- Reasons:
1. Called "Wonderful Counselor" v. 6
 2. Called "M_____ G_____" v. 6
 3. Called "E_____ Father" v. 6
 4. Called "P_____ of P_____" v. 6
 5. The C_____ will grow up to rule F_____ v.7; Dan 7:13-14
 6. Yahweh is causing this to happen Is 42:5-8; 43:10-11; 44:6,8; 45:21-22; 46:5,9; 48:11-13

What is the conclusion?

**II. The "Mighty God" is Yahweh** Isaiah 9:6

"the LORD" = YHWH, pronounced Yahweh

el gibor ... Hebrew #410 "el" and Hebrew #1368 "gibor" ... "God Mighty"

Old Testament verses with exact matches: Isaiah 10:20-21; Jeremiah 32:18

Old Testament verses with both words present and gibor applying to el (Mighty

applying to God): Deuteronomy 10:17; Nehemiah 9:32

Some Old Testament verses with gibor applying to YHWH: Psalm 42:8; Isaiah 42:13; Zephaniah 3:17

Some other verses with "mighty" and "God" associated (based on the English, not necessarily the Hebrew el and gibor):

Gen 49:24; Josh 4:24; 22:22; Job 36:5; Ps 50:1; 89:8; 132:2,5; Is 1:24; 49:26; 60:16

III. Examples of God's Might

Example 1. Deuteronomy 10:17 – 11:7

1. He H_____ the less F_____ Dt 10:18
2. He K_____ His P_____ Dt 10:22
3. He Performs Signs and Miracles Dt 11:2-7

Example 2. Luke 1:46-55

1. Luke 1:48
2. Luke 1:50
3. Luke 1:51-53
4. Luke 1:54-55

Example 3. Matthew 19:16-26

1. He S_____ P_____ -- Gives them eternal life Mt 19:16,23-26

(See questions on the other side of the page)

INTROSPECTION

- * What has God done in your life where you look back on it and view it as the Mighty God working in you or on your behalf?
- * What are you asking God to do that will only happen if God is a Mighty God?
- * Does God have to do what you want in order for you to be convinced He is the Mighty God?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT

INTERACTION

- * Do you often praise and thank God for the mighty things He has done in your life? When you do it, does it encourage you?
- * How can we encourage one another when God does NOT do what we want?