

Christ the Lord

Isaiah 9:6-7 ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah prophesies about the coming Messiah. He describes a great many things about the Messiah. This morning we will look at three characteristics of the Messiah as detailed by the prophet Isaiah.

I. His humanity

A. A Child is born

יָלֵד **n.m. child, son, boy, youth -- a.** *child = son, boy*; app. = sons + daughters; pl. = offspring; of young of raven; of wild goats and hinds; of cow and bear. **b.** (little) *child, children*. **c.** *descendants*. **d.** *youth*. **e.** fig. of apostate Israelites; cf., in good sense, of Ephraim. **(pg 409)**

John 1:14 ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The messiah will come as a child initially. He will be a human boy.

B. A Son is given

God is the giver and he gives a son and also the Son.

Luke 1:31-32 ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

Notice that Mary conceived and brought forth a son, but that this son would also be called the Son of the Highest.

II. His Divinity.

A. Wonderful

פֶּלְאָה **n.m. wonder -- 1.** *wonder*: extraordinary, hard to be understood, God's dealings with His people; the testimonies of the Law; **פֶּלְאָה יוֹעֵץ** *marvel of a counsellor, wonderful counselor (of Mess. king)*; pl. as adv. acc. **פִּתְרוֹרָהּ** *she (Jerus.) hath come down marvellously*. **2.** *wonder*: of God's acts of judgment and redemption; of extraord. trials **קִיּוֹן הַיָּד**. **(pg 810)**

Many scholars would say that one of the most difficult things to understand is how the infinite, eternal God could become a man.

Philippians 2:5-8 ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

B. Counselor

יָעָץ **vb. advise, counsel -- Qal** *advise, counsel*, c. acc. (subj. "י"); (sq. לְ);

oft. c. acc. cogn.; sq. **אָל** *against*; sq. **עַל** *against* (of **י**); c. acc. cogn. + sf. pers.; c. acc. pers. (+ rel. cl.); abs. (of **י**) (c. adv. **כְּאִשֶּׁר**); of man; sq. inf.; sq. cl. without connective. *Pt.act.* as subst. = *counsellor*, king's adviser; so fem.; of importance for people; and particularly **פְּלֵא יוֹעֵץ** *wonder of a counsellor*, of the ideal ruler predicted. More generally, *counsellor, adviser*; = *prophet*, nearly = *agents* (hired by adversaries of Judah). **Niph.** (reflex. or recipr.) *consult together, exchange counsel*, of king with advisers, sq. **אָתָּה**; and so of **י**; sq. **אָל**; sq. **עִם**; abs. *consider*; in gen. *consult, take counsel*, abs.; sq. **לְבַב יַחְדָּו** (with heart together) nearly = *determine*, sq. inf. **Hithp.** *conspire against*, sq. **עַל**. (pg 419)

Isaiah 25:1 O LORD, You *are* my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful *things*; Your **counsels** of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth. Being called a counselor is a characteristic of God. What was Jesus called? Good Teacher – people recognized that what he taught was from God.

C. Mighty God

El – God.

Luke 2:10-11 ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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Many times in Jesus life the Jewish leaders recognized that Jesus was declaring Himself to be God. How do we know that, they said so, with their words and actions.

D. Everlasting Father

We don't think of this when we think of Christ, but He will be called everlasting Father.

Everlasting – deals with the eternal nature of God. Jesus, the Son of God also eternal in nature.

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

E. Prince of Peace

Prince carries the idea of "chief or ruler." Christ will bring peace to this world. The main way is peace between us and God:

Luke 2:13-14 ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Only God could save us and make peace between God and man.

III. His Kingship.

A. The government will be on His shoulders

Psalm 2:8-9 ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

Revelation 12:1-5 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ² Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

B. The reign will not end.

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Revelation 22:1-3 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Characteristics of His reign:

- He will reign on the throne of David.

1 Chronicles 17:7-14 ⁷ "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. ⁸ "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth. ⁹ "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, ¹⁰ "since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore I tell **you** that the LORD will **build you a house.** ¹¹ "And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. ¹² "He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³ "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* who was before you. ¹⁴ "And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever." " "

- There will be no end to peace

- He will establish it with judgment

- He will establish it with justice

How does this happen: God will make it happen.

“The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

קִנְיָהּ n.f. **ardour, zeal, jealousy** -- **1.** *ardour of jealousy* of husband; קִנְיָהּ *jealous disposition*; offering for jealousy, קִנְיָהּ; of *rivalry*; Ephr. against Judah; *ardent love*. **2.** *ardour of zeal*: **a.** of men for God; for the house of ". **b.** of God for his people, esp. in battle. **3.** *ardour of anger*: **a.** of men against foes. **b.** of God against men. (pg 888)

God has given a gift. This baby in the manger is truly a human child, but is also God, who not only came to save us, but came to be the King. As the one hymn says "Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new born King." This Christmas season, we should be ready to worship Christ, the Lord, the King.