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"And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19

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The Christ of Isaiah 9:6



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be call wonderful, counselor the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace.”

When Isaiah speaks about Christ, [Messian-o-t. The deliverer or Liberator], he sounds more like a New Testament writer than an Old Testament prophet. His Messianic prophecies are clear and explicit. “For unto us a child is born,…” Please observe with me that this child is born unto us. This child is born for us or for our benefit. The word “child” in the Strong’s Concordance of the Bible (#3206) Heb. Yeled- from (#3205) means fruit to be get, to act as mid-wife, to show lineage, to bring for children, to bring up, to bring time of deliverance, to hatch, laborer, to declare a pedigree, to travail. This child came to deliver all people from their slavery to sin. See: Is. 7:14; Lk. 2:17; Acts 4:30. “Child is Born” (Messian’s Humanity).

The next word to consider is the word “SON” Strong’s and Lexical aids-(#1121) Heb. from (#1129) to build, specifies an intimate relationship, begin to build, obtain children, make repair, set up. God the Father “.....gave his only begotten son,…” (Jn. 3:16-B) in order to obtain children(s), thus fulfill [to bring into actuality] the prophecy of Is. 8:18-CP- Heb. 2:13-D. See also: Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:23 - Jesus [God’s only begotten son] was (is) to be called Emmanuel “God with us,” as predicted by Is. 7:14, Jesus was [is] God in the flesh; thus God was literally among us through “a son given”, - (his eternal Sonship, in the trinity).

Now we would look into the word “government” – Strong’s (#4951) Heb. misrâh from (*3280) Sâ râh – to prevail, have power as a prince, power. The prophecy of Is. 9:6c “The government shall be upon His shoulder…” explains Jesus entitlement to rule or have power to prevail. In Is. 9:7a we read, “of the increase of His [Jesus] government and peace there shall be no end…” See Ps. 67:4; Matt. 28:18

Now lets consider the word “shoulders” – Strong’s (#7925) – Heb. shakâm – to incline the shoulder to a burden; to load up on the back of man; be arise, rise early (morning) and (bedtimes). In Is. 53:4 a-b, we read surely He (Christ Jesus) hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows…” These verbs mean “to take upon oneself,” or “to carry as a burden,” obviously reference to vicarious suffering of the Messiah [Jesus the Christ]. In I Peter 2:24a, we read, “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree [cross]…” Christ inclined His shoulder to the cross; died for our sins, in our place, so we would not have to suffer the punishment we deserve; He was [is] our substitute. Jesus Christ frees people from all burdens. See Matt. 11:28-29 and Is. 10:27.

The next word in our view of Is. 9:6 is the word “name” – Strong’s (#7760, 8034, 8064) – Heb. shém – conspicuous, position, an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individual, honor, authority, character, renown. Name in the Bible is used to express [to make known or set forth in words, to manifest or communicate] character. See ex. 34:5-7; Jn. 17:6, 11, 26.

The next part of Is. 9:6 – to consider is “shall be called…” The word “called” – Lexical (#7121) Heb. pârâ – to cry out, call aloud, roar, to proclaim, pronounce, be summoned, recognize an eternal truth (Is. 7:14), to call out loudly in order to get someone’s attention so that contact can be initiated. The Messiah (Christ – N.T.) was “called” [names of deity are given to the coming Messiah that none but the willfully unbelieving can mistake]. He came to “call aloud,” in order for humanity to “recognize the eternal truth.” “moreover whom He [Jesus] did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified: [accounting the guilty just before God] and whom He justified, then He also glorified.” Romans 8:30. See also: 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Tim. 1:9; Eph 4:4

Now, we would look into the titles of deity given to the Messiah in Is. 9:6. The word “wonderful” – Lexical (#6382) Heb. Pelé from (#6381) Pālā – to be separate, be distinguished, be extraordinary; be wonderful, be miraculous, be astonishing, to separate, consecrate, to make extraordinary, to act miraculously, act marvelously, to sanctify, to cause a wonderful thing to happen; (#6382) pints to the extraordinary aspects of how God dealt

with His people, His miracles. He [Jesus – the Messiah/Christ] is wonderful; He is exceptional, distinguished, and without peer. Because He is wonderful, He is able to cause a wonderful thing to happen. “...He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, [Messiah/Yeshua – Jesus – Jehovah is salvation] seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Heb. 7:25 -- This wonderful assurance frees us from guilt and fear. See also Rom 8:33-34; Ps. 111:4 -- Because He is wonderful “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” Ps. 139:14 -- “This also cometh forth from the Lord of host, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.” Is. 28:29 See also: Jud. 13:17-18; Matt 21:15



The next title describing deity is the word “counselor” - Lexical (#3289) – Hebrew – Yā’ats – to advise, admonish, to direct, to resolve, decide, to devise, plan, purpose, to consult with another, refer to military intelligence; contrast God’s counsel and that of man. His way overrides all human machinations, God’s will is sovereign and eternal. Jesus is the eternal word of God – the Logos; He is infinitely qualified to be our “counselor” with the counsels of God from eternity and He gives counsel to the children of men. He is the wisdom of the Father and is to us wisdom. He gives the right advice. “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” John 1:1 – “And the Word was made flesh...” John 1:14a – Also see: Eph 1:14 and Romans 11:34

The next title in Is. 9:6 describing deity to the Son is “the Mighty God” – Lexical (#410) Heb. êl, emphasizes might. He is God Himself. “And without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” 1 Tim 3:16 – “Mighty God” the child is God incarnate, the omnipotent one. The word translated “mighty” has the additional meaning of “hero.” The Lord is the infinite hero of His people, the divine warrior who has triumphed over sin and death. It is the blessed joy and privilege of every believer to be “...looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;...” Titus 2:13. See also: Matt. 28:18

The next title describing deity is “The Everlasting” Lexical (#5703) Heb. ַאָד Duration; perpetuity, eternity, world without end, all eternity, always, denotes the unforeseeable future, existence is eternal. “But thou, Beth-Lehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He [Jesus-Christ] come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Michah 5:2 – CF. Matt. 2:6. This rules is Jesus, the Messiah. Micah accurately predicted Christ’s birthplace hundreds of years before He was born. The promised eternal king in David’s line (Matt. 1:1-16) Who would come to live as a man, had been alive forever – “from of old, from everlasting.” Although eternal, He entered human history as a man, Jesus of Nazareth. See: Ps. 90:2.

The next title relating to the Messiah/Christ describing deity in Is. 9:6 is “Father.” Strong’s (#1) Hebrew ַאָב - father, begetter, progenitor, forefather, ancestor, an originator, creator, inventor, guardian. Father expresses Christ’s fatherly care. The title (name) is not in conflict with that of the first person of the Trinity. Jesus said to Phillip, “...He who has seen Me, has seen the Father...” Jn. 14:9d. The word ַאָב -sin I 9:6 “Father” refers to a more remote ancestor. God (Yeshua – Jesus – Jehovah is salvation) is the Father of Israel (Is. 63:16; Jer. 31:9). See also: Ps 2:7 – as it relates to Acts 13:33. “I [Jesus] and My Father are one.” John 10:30 – CF 17:11, 21-24. Jesus and the Father are one in essence [the intrinsic or indispensable properties that serve to characterize or identify; crucial elements], and nature – He [Jesus – Father] is the progenitor, originator, creator. “All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.” John 1:3. Also see: 1 Cor 8:6; Col 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2; Is. 7:14 – CF – Matt. 1:23; Lk 1:31; Jn 1:45; Rev 12:5.

The last part of Is. 9:6 is the title “The Prince of Peace.” The word “Prince” – Lexical (#8269) – Heb. SAR; from which we get the word – Heb. SĀRĀR (#8323) – head, commander, leader, nobleman. The Gr. Archegos, leader or author, one who stands at the head or at the beginning of a list or rank. The Messiah/Christ is: 1) Prince (Author) of Peace – Is. 9:6; 2) Prince (Leader) of Princes – Dan. 8:25; 3) Messiah the (Anointed) Prince – Dan 9:25; 4) Prince (Author) of Life – Acts 3:15; 5) Prince and Savior – Acts 5:31; 6) Prince (leader or Ruler) of the Kings of the Earth – Rev. 1:5; 7) Captain (Prince, Author) of Salvation – Hebrews 2:10; and 8) The Author (Prince) and Finisher of our Faith – Heb. 12:2.

The word “peace” – Strong’s (#7965) Heb. Shâlôwm – (#7999) we observe mean: safe, i.e., well, happy, friendly; also, (Abst.) welfare, i.e., health, prosperity, peace -- X Do, familiar, X fare, favor, † Friend, X great, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) Peace (able – ably), prosper (ity, - ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, X wholly.



Only “The Prince of Peace” is able “...to keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because He trusteth in thee.” Is. 26:3. At the birth of Jesus – the Christ “...suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace, goodwill toward men.” Luke 2:13-14. In Jn. 14:27, the Prince of Peace said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” See also: Phil. 4:6-7; Jn. 16:33; Col. 3:15.

I believe that I have conclusively shown that Is. 9:6 proves beyond all doubt that Jesus of Nazareth, the central character of the New Testament is the predicted Messiah of the Old Testament; that this Messiah (Christ) is God manifested in the flesh. He is the only hope for humanity. I pray and hope that anyone reading this article surrender to the Lordship of Christ and live for Him. The Bible tells us that man's eternal destiny depends on trusting Christ. "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." Jn 3:36. "There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." I Tim 2:5. "Jesus (Yeshua=>Jesus=>Jehovah is salvation) said unto Him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Jn 14:6. "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." Jn. 8:24. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." Jn. 20:31.

Christbondservant, "Preacher"



Learn to listen like a teddy bear, with ears wide open and a mouth closed tight. Learn to forgive like a teddy bear, with an open heart, not caring who is right. Learn to love like a teddy bear, with arms open and imperfect eyesight. Do not ask for your life's load lightened, but for courage to endure. Do not ask for fulfillment in all your life. Do not ask for perfection in all you do, but for the wisdom not to repeat mistakes. Finally, do not ask for more before saying "thank you" for what you have already received. If you are looking for somebody to blame, look in the mirror. There is no challenge that cannot be met and no dream that cannot be achieved. (Pastor Paul Parker – God's Servant Ministry)

The Ultimate Reality Show

The other day I was sitting at my sewing machine at work, minding my own business, kind of half-listening to the radio and talking to God. See, since my incarceration, I speak to God about everything. Sometimes I just talk, sometimes I pray. Well, in this one instance, a disc jockey came on with the details of Whitney Houston's life since Bobby was incarcerated. It came to mind at that moment that society is more and more finding entertainment in others distress, fortune and lives. Even our television selection revolves around reality shows. In the Bachelor/Bachelorette, we see people try to make someone fall in love; in the Fear Factor, we watch people do unheard of things for money; on talk shows, we see people defend, brag and/or get humiliated. It's becoming a way of life. Simple entertainment as we once knew it is gone; the media and viewers have become obsessed with everyone else's lives, no matter the expense.



We all have been brought up with opinions and it's alright to say them. We've grown up with a sense of judgment. We were taught to be proud of who we are. I, in fact, have watched some of those shows, voiced my opinions, been proud of who I was and even judged others. Those are still some of the biggest battles I face as I seek the Lord's face and presence in my life. Perhaps that is why that day at work I was allowed to see just how much society thrives on other's lives for personal entertainment. Throughout the Bible, we are told not to fall into the ways of the world. Allow me to give some examples so that maybe next time you see or hear of someone else's life being used for the pure purpose of entertainment, you will remember the Lord's word and be able to stand in the Word and walk away!

- II Timothy 2:18 – "...who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some."
- Proverbs 18:2 – "A fool finds no pleasure in understanding, but delights in airing his own opinions."
- Deuteronomy 1:17 – "Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God."
- Proverbs 21:4 – "Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin!"
- Proverbs 18:12 – "Before his downfall, a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor."

One of my favorite books in the Bible is Proverbs. You see, there are 31 Proverbs and at the most 31 days in a month. So each night before I lie down my head, I read a Proverb for the day. The saying "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," reminds me that we should all try "a Proverb each night and find the soul's delight." The world wants us to have pleasure from other's pain and distress, but we can rely on the Word of the Lord to bring us pleasure.

Yours in Christ, Missi

The Great Debate...or Thoughts to Ponder



I am offering to you, the reader, a chance to debate...not in denominationalism or dogma, but in supposition of scripture. This is done for mental exercise and friendly retort so that the Holy Spirit may strengthen us in Christ Jesus.

The question is: How crucial is obedience to the will of God? (or is it about faith) In the Book of Luke, Chapter One, we have two examples of obedience. The first comes from Zacharias and the second from Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ.

Zacharias (Luke 1: 11-25) was not initially able to receive what the angel told him (a lack of faith in a minister of the priestly office seen that in others?) and was struck dumb (v. 20) until the birth of his son, John. He had an important office/duty (vv 5-12), so what was his issue?

As a note, consider as man he had his faults. The office does not make the man, nor the man the office, only God does both. Weakness can/does happen to anyone. That is why we are told to “seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you (Luke 12:31), because focusing on that centers our inner being. He showed obedience through his actions at the birth of his son (vv. 57-80).

Mary showed her obedience immediately (vv. 34-38) when Gabriel spoke to her. She did not show weakness of faith, just true obedience in faith. She did instinctively what we are instructed (I John 4:1-4) as well as showing herself a student of God’s word (II Timothy 2:15; see vv. 11-18). Not only did she listen to the angel, she shared the news with her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45), who shared an epiphany with her. In both ladies, faith and obedience immediately show forth.

Obedience (II Cor. 10:3-6) is our walking in the flesh and not warring after the flesh. Our faith (Ro. 10:17) comes from hearing and hearing by the Word of God (See Ro. 11:26-32 and Rev. 14:6-7). Yes, obedience is crucial for each of us, especially in what we deal with daily. Our faith sees us through the rough areas as God is faithful (I Cor 10:11-13) toward us.

What I have proposed is for healthy debate/discussion, as I want to encourage everyone to increase in their faith and obedience to God. So let us stay at the ready (II Timothy 2:15) for the work before us.

His Servant, Clyde A

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