

Mighty God

Isa 9:6

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Background

In our first week of Advent, we remembered the gift of wisdom God has given us in Jesus -- He is truly our "Wonderful Counselor"! This Sunday, we'll look at another of the names Isaiah gave to the child born to us: "Mighty God". In Jesus, God has shown Himself mighty over our enemies. But who are our enemies? And how did Jesus fight them for us? Come hear the good news of Jesus' victory as we look once again at Isaiah 9:6.

Sermon Texts: Isa 9:1-7 (ESV)

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ **For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What stands out to you the most from this sermon?

2. Sunday questions

- a. Which of the four titles for this child (Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace) is your most favorite? Why?
- b. When you think of God as the “Mighty Warrior God,” what immediately comes to mind?
- c. The Advent theme for this sermon was love. If this is the theme for the “Mighty Warrior God,” what does that mean for how we live our lives?
- d. “Live in this victory won for you by your Mighty Warrior God.” What does living in this victory look like for you? (ie. Eugene shared one example of not living in fear.)
- e. “Proclaim this victory in this world... As it came to you freely, share it freely.” What will this look like for you this week?