

Amazing

“For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)

“When they had seen Him, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.
And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds...”
Luke 2:17-18 (NASB)

“Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers,
both listening to them and asking them questions.
And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers...”
Luke 2:46-47 (NASB)

‘And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, ‘This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?’”
Matthew 12:23 (NASB)

“Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying,
‘This man was in fact innocent.’ And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle,
after watching what had happened, began to return home, beating their chests...”
Luke 23:47-48 (NASB)

The world had been promised, from the time of the fall, that a Saviour would come (Genesis 3:15). Through the various prophets the promised One received many names. Isaiah gave Him 5 names in one verse (Isaiah 9:6). Each name was a one word definition of the promised One.

There is a difference of opinion concerning the first name in Isaiah 9:6. Is the first name “Wonderful”, or “Wonderful Counsellor”? I choose to make each name stand alone, and so we reflect today on the Baby in Bethlehem as the “Wonderful One”.

People were amazed at the testimony of the shepherds on that sacred night (Luke 2:17-18). Then, as He grew, He continued to amaze those around Him (Luke 2:46-47). As an adult He was a wonder (Matthew 12:23). Finally, in the hour of His death, He astonished those who stood at the cross and pondered the scene that was so dreadful, yet so full of wonder (Luke 23:47-48).

Is He wonderful to you today? Are you in awe of Him? Are you breathless as you read today’s verses? Do you wish

to stand and quietly gaze and gaze on this Person’s singular beauty?
May today find you lost in wonder, love, and praise as you look once more on Him Whose name is Wonderful.

Jesus, wondrous Savior!
Christ, of kings the king!
Angels fall before Thee,
prostrate worshipping;
Fairest they confess Thee
in the Heav’n above.
We would sing Thee fairest
here in hymns of love.

Fairer far than sunlight
unto eyes that wait
Amid fear and darkness,
’til the morning break;
Fairer than the day-dawn,
hills and dales among,
When its tide of glory
wakes the tide of song.

Sweeter far than music
quivering from keys
That unbind all feeling
with strange harmonies.
Thou art more and dearer
than all minstrelsy;
Only in Thy presence

can joy’s fullness be.

All earth’s flowing pleasures
were a wintry sea,
Heav’n itself without Thee
dark as night would be.
Lamb of God!
Thy glory is the light above.
Lamb of God!
Thy glory is the life of love.
Life is death if severed
from Thy throbbing heart.
Death with life abundant
at Thy touch would start.
Worlds and men and angels
all consist in Thee:
Yet Thou camest to us in humility.

Jesus! All perfections
rise and end in Thee;
Brightness of God’s glory
Thou, eternally,
Favored beyond measure
they Thy face who see;
May we gracious Savior,
share this ecstasy.