

The Mighty God

“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)

The remarkable names bestowed upon the child lying in a manger over 2000 years ago has no precedent in human history.

When a child is born, loving parents eagerly long for the infant to grow into maturity and become a fully functioning member of society. Beyond that we usually have faint hope our child will have historic achievements. Occasionally a parent will drive their child to pursue greatness the child does not want, nor is capable of achieving. In these situations the driven child sometimes hates the driven parent and two lives are ruined.

However, in the case of the infant in the manger so long ago, He exceed every expectation of the wondering parents. Observe with me some of the remarkable achievements of this singular person, the Mighty God.

His teaching amazed people:

“The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, ‘Why did you not bring Him?’ The officers answered, ‘Never has a man spoken in this way!’” John 7:45-46 (NASB)

He changed the weather with a spoken word:

“And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Hush, be still.’ And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?’ They became very much afraid and said to one another, ‘Who, then, is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?’” Mark 4:39-41 (NASB)

He created food for over 5,000 using a small boy’s bag lunch:

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these for so many people? Jesus said, ‘Have the people recline to eat.’ Now there was plenty of grass in the place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and after giving thanks He distributed them to those who were reclining; likewise also of the fish, as much as they wanted.” John 6:9-11 (NASB)

He raised the dead:

“So they removed the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. But I knew that You always hear Me; nevertheless, because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.’ And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ Out came the man who had died, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’” John 11:41-44 (NASB)

There are numerous names for Yahweh in the Old Testament that are ascribed to Jesus in the New Testament:

Examples are:

First and Last - Isaiah 41:4 – Revelation 2:8
I am – Exodus 3:14 – John 8:58
Bridegroom - Hosea 2:16 – Mark 2:19 – Rev. 21:2
Shepherd - Ezekiel 31:15 – John 10:
Redeemer – Hosea 13:14 – Galatians 3:13
Judge - Genesis 18:25 – 2 Timothy 4:1

So the “mighty God” prophesied in the Old Testament was overwhelmingly fulfilled in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of the Child in the manger born over 2,000 years ago. Is it any wonder He was worshipped by the Magi as recorded in Matthew 2:1-2? “...magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.’”

This season, as you celebrate Advent, be sure to focus on the baby’s entire life as the Mighty God. See Him, not primarily as an infant, but as the Mighty God to be trusted, worshipped, and called on to meet every need you have as you journey through life.

Be sure to review the above Scriptures about your Lord and Saviour and delight yourself in this wonderful God Man today.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

-Isaac Watts

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