

His Name Will Be Called Mighty God, Eternal Father

Isaiah 9.6

The second and third names given in Isaiah 9.6 to the coming Messiah are often viewed together: Mighty God, Everlasting Father. Why would these two titles have been significant to Jews living seven hundred years before Christ's birth? Why are they significant for Christians in 2025?

Jesus is Mighty God

- What does a king who is “mighty God” do?
- What does Jesus being “Mighty God” mean to me?

Jesus is Everlasting Father

- What does a king who is a “Father” do?
- A fatherhood that will endure forever!



1. Countless sermons have been preached, and numerous books have been written, to help us ‘know God’. In one sense, we’re unable to know God; His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts (Isa. 55.9). *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!* (Rom. 11.33). Thankfully, God has accommodated Himself to our human frailty, revealing Himself in creation, history, His Word, and His Son. What aspects of creation make you aware of God’s awesomeness? What historical events make you think of His power? What portions of His Word capture His sovereignty for you? What events in the life of Christ have caused you to wonder at His deity in human form?
2. The Hebrew *el gibbor* is translated “mighty God.” Since these words could be translated something like “godlike hero,” and ancients used to deify their kings, some suggest Isaiah’s coming Messiah was not really God. But wherever else *el gibbor* occurs in the Bible, it refers to God, and that is also its meaning here. Keeping with the context of Isaiah 9.2-7, what aspects of Jesus’ first *and* second advents show His ‘mighty God-ness’?
3. Calling Jesus, the coming King, “Everlasting Father,” seems odd to us, since the New Testament clearly differentiates between God the Father and God the Son in the Trinity. This title reflects the paternal character of the coming king. Many kings claimed to be a “father” to their people – indeed, many tyrants continue this practice today. One example: North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un is frequently referred to as “Respected Father”. Leaders who want to be called ‘father’ are usually nothing like a father should be! What characteristics would you think of as being “fatherly”? What ‘fatherly’ characteristics of Jesus are you glad will endure forever?