

Christmas 2020 Series  
Week 3 notes  
12.13.20  
Isaiah 9:1-7

## **A NEW KING IN TOWN**

Everlasting Father: A King Who Reigns Forever

### **I. This World of Gloom and Distress**

#### **A. Our image of a Heavenly Father**

- We project our own father's characteristics onto God
- 1. At best: loving but flawed, wise but fallible, present but finite
- 2. At worst: abusive, neglectful, detached, absent, un-affirming

#### **B. Our perception of our earthly father...**

- Shapes how we believe our Heavenly Father sees us:
- 1. Has He forgotten me?
- 2. Is He frustrated by me?
- 3. Has He forsaken me?
- 4. Does He find me at fault?

### **II. His Work of JOY**

#### **A. Jesus: A Child, A Son, An Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)**

*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

1. Isaiah highlights the divine nature of the Messiah
  - a. Isaiah prophesies of the child who is the eternal God
  - b. Isaiah is not confusing Jesus with the first person in the Trinity
  - c. The God-head is three persons, one nature:
    - Isaiah gives the analogy pointing to Christ's character- He is Fatherly and Father-like, in His treatment of us
2. Jesus is the one who reveals to us the Fatherly character of God, for He is one in nature and essence with the Father (Jn 10:30, 38; Jn 14:9-10)

RATHER THAN OUR EARTHLY FATHERS,  
JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE WHO REVEALS THE CHARACTER AND NATURE  
OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

**B. The Truth of our Heavenly Father's character is demonstrated to us through the person of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:7)**

*Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.*

1. "The Greatness of his Government and Peace there will be No End"
  - Jesus is a King who ministers with **"everlasting comfort"** (2 Thes 2:16).
2. "He will Reign on David's Throne"
  - Jesus is a King who performs His work with **"everlasting power"** (1 Tim 6:16).
3. "And Over His Kingdom"
  - Jesus is a King who rules over an **"everlasting kingdom"** (2 Pet 2:11).
4. "Establishing and Upholding"
  - Jesus is a King who maintains his **"everlasting presence"** (Mt 28:20).
5. "With Justice and Righteousness from that Time on and Forever"
  - Jesus is a King who gives us **"everlasting life"** (Jn 14:19).

**III. Our Worship in Trust**

**A. We Respond in Trust to an Everlasting Father, whose:**

1. Attention is Unceasing
2. Patience is Unending
3. Justice is Undying
4. Grace is Unrelenting
5. Trustworthiness is Unchanging

**B. We Respond in Trust to an Everlasting Father, with: (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.*

1. Our Hearts
2. Our Mind
3. Our Ways

KING JESUS IS OUR EVERLASTING FATHER:  
WE TRUST IN HIM, LEAN ON HIM, SUBMIT TO HIM