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The Name I Need: His MANIFESTED Name

INTRODUCTION

“I’m going to read a familiar Scripture of Christmas prophecy...that many of you may be able to quote even as I’m reading it. For others, it may be new to you. But over 800 years before Jesus was ever born, it was prophesied by Isaiah 9:6 that he would be born to a virgin in Bethlehem. Specifically, he would be given some great names that are attached to his calling as the Messiah.”

Isaiah 9:6-7

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. ⁷ Of the increase 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.

“a child is born” - shows us the humanity of Jesus
 “a son is given” - shows us the divinity of Jesus

The Jewish prophet, Isaiah, prophesied that the Messiah would be called four great names: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Question: What is it about the Messiah, Jesus Christ, that would encapsulate all of these great names?

Question: Is it possible that God gave us Jesus so that whatever aspect of God we needed manifested in our lives would come to pass as we mature in Christ?

Question: Is it not true that when we invite Jesus into our lives, we indeed get all of God? Does he get all of us?

“As we grow to mature and become mighty in Christ...we start seeing new aspects of God manifested in our lives as we pursue all of Him.”

POINT: “If it takes a lifetime to truly get to know one other person who changes and grows and matures and transforms, why would we think that we could know all of God in the span of only one human lifetime?”

“We have all of God but we don’t know all of God. This comes with mature, this comes with seeking.”

He will be manifesting himself to us throughout eternity. I believe that we will continue to see new aspects of God all throughout eternity.

Before we look at these four names from our passage, let’s take a broader view of the passage first.

“These names fall in between two other words that may escape us...it is quite profound if you think of it.”

Notice the word “government.”

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POINT: “That the manifested names that are available are only available to those who are in and under the governing kingdom of God!”

4 Aspects of God's Great Governance

1. PEACE - "*Of the increase of his government and peace...*" (v.7a)

"When you come into a relationship with God and you come in and under his governing kingdom, you are in a place of peace."

2. POWER - "*he will reign on David's throne*" (v.7b)

- --"Reign" & "throne" are words demonstrating power & authority.

3. PUTTING THINGS RIGHT - "*establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness*" (v.7c)

- --"Justice" is about putting things right that are wrong.

"A part of God's governance is to rectify things that have been done wrong on the earth and so when he comes back...all justice will be taken care of."

4. PURE STANDARD OF MORAL RIGHTNESS - "*establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness*" (v. 7c)

- --"Righteousness" is the pure standard of what is right.

"When righteousness is broken, justice puts right that which is wrong. Hence you have justice and righteousness working together."

"The great governance of God's kingdom has these four aspects to it that allows us to enter in what these name actually mean...how those names of the coming Messiah intersect with the governance of God's kingdom."

1. PEACE - What's the manifested name? - "**Prince of Peace**"

2. POWER - What's the manifested name? - "**Mighty God**"

3. PUTTING THINGS RIGHT - What's the manifested name - **"Wonderful Counselor"**

That word 'counselor' [Greek: paraclete] can mean a couple things:

COMFORTER - the Holy Spirit is given that title

John 14:16 ESV

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever

ATTORNEY - Jesus also has this title

1 John 2:1 NLT

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

When you have a defense attorney, you are comforted that someone is standing up for you and defending and plead your case before the judge.

Attorney to the client: "I will stand with you."

"While having a defense attorney is comforting, I don't know one defense attorney - not one! - that would ever say 'and whatever punishment is leveled to the client from the judge's bench, I will take.' Do you?"

Jesus is not only our defense attorney who defends us before a holy and righteous judge, but he was willing to take on the punishment on behalf of the client, you and me. The sentence handed down from on high was (and is!) the death penalty! This is why Jesus is our WONDERFUL counselor!!

4. PURE STANDARD OF MORAL RIGHT-NESS - What's the manifested name?

"Everlasting Father"

"The Father's standard is one of pure righteousness and the wonderful counselor takes on that consequence that we have. As a result of that, we are forgiven, but what the text reminds us is that forgiveness is held up - it's established and held up it says in verse 7 - forever and ever, from everlasting to everlasting...his righteousness and forgiveness for you and me as prodigals will have no end."

REVIEW - So theologically we can see how the manifest names of Jesus intersect with the Great Governance of God's kingdom.

God's kingdom is one of:

Peace

Power

Putting things right

Pure Righteousness

Question: How do these names manifest in everyday life, personally for me?

“Understand the broader point, friends. That the names and titles that are given to the coming Messiah who did come, are only available to those who are under the governing power of God. You cannot access the power and the provision of these names unless you are in Christ.”

“When you put your trust in the Christ of Christmas, then these four names that are Christ are intersected and available to you when you are sandwiched in between his governance just like the verses.”

I am going to give you 4 stories or scenarios and I want you to tell me what name is needed for each scenario.

Here are the 4 names:

1. Wonderful Counselor
2. Mighty God
3. Everlasting Father
4. Prince of Peace

Story #1 - THE BROKEN HEARTED MAN, Andrew

- A young man came home from boot camp in the military and his family was so proud of his accomplishments. He subsequently went off to college to study for a few years. Shortly after he entered college he got word from his family that his father was going in for an unexpected surgery. This military trained and newly motivated college student began to fast and pray but to no avail. Surprisingly, this young man lost his father to death. His family grieved.

Question: What prophetic Name of God would need to be manifested in this story?

Answer: Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father

This was MY story. I'm David Andrew Anderson and this is exactly who I needed God to be in my life...and He was!

Story #2 - THE FIT TO BE TIED MOTHER, Gloria

- Gloria has been driving around town all day, every day for the last several weeks like an Uber driver for her kids. One child has soccer games or practices almost every day and the other has to be at swim lessons 3 early mornings per week. Gloria's husband is traveling for a few days with his job where he is making a big presentation in front of his boss to a potential client. If her husband does well, this presentation could positively change the outcome of their shoestring budget finances. As she runs the highways and byways, Gloria tries to remember to pray for her husband, while shuffling between the kid's sports schedules, school schedules, dinner for the kids and grocery shopping so she can make a nice dinner for her husband when he gets home tomorrow night. Out of all the times for one of their pets to get sick, one of the family dogs is displaying painful signs of discomfort and the only time the vet can see the dog is during the one hour she had in her schedule to shop for groceries. After dropping off the last child to school and taking the dog to the vet, Gloria only has 35 minutes to get the items for tomorrow's dinner. Once Gloria parks in one of the only spaces left at the grocery store, way in the back of the parking lot, she unexpectedly breaks down and starts sobbing uncontrollably. Feeling overwhelmed, Gloria doesn't even know why she is crying. She just knows this one thing, she doesn't have time to cry, so she mops up her tears and runs into the store.

Question: What prophetic Name of God would need to be manifested in this story #2, THE FIT TO BE TIED MOTHER, GLORIA?

Answer: Prince of Peace

Story #3 - THE HOPE DASHED COUPLE - Don & Kate

- Don and his wife Kate just learned shocking news from the doctor last Friday. Kate has cancer. They are devastated by the news. Kate had never had medical issues before. Don and Kate have been faithful followers of Jesus for years and even serve regularly in their church. Their faith is strong but their hearts are heavy. They are praying for a miracle and asking God to take the cancer away.

Don and Kate's desire was to retire within months from their professions, sell their house, and move to another country to be missionaries. But this new diagnosis has got them reeling and praying and questioning everything right now. Are their plans out the window now? How do they even process this upsetting news that Kate's body is racked with cancer? They are so worried about what could happen to her?

Question: What Name(s) of God would need to be manifested in story # 3?

Answer: Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace

Story #4 - THE DADDY DEFICIT BOY - Damien

- Damien was told that his father would show up to take him out for some father-son time. He was 4 years old the first time he heard this. Now he is 14 and his father is still not around. Growing up in classrooms where other kids talked about their fathers, Damien couldn't help but think he had been abandoned.
- His single mother often tries to find other male role models for Damien to spend time with, but the reality is that this is hard. It's painful for Damien and his mother. They lean on each other and pray to God for help, security, and esteem. But to be honest, Damien has an emotional pain in his heart that will not go away and he acts out continually now that he is a teenager. Because his human dad is not around, he turns to other male voices from school, rap music, and television to try to figure out what manhood really is.
- Of course this is all unconscious, but his mother sees it as clear as day. In a church youth group Damien hears about the Lord's prayer. The prayer starts out as "*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name*". This is a hard prayer for Damien to relate to because the other father he knows is one who is not there and doesn't want him.
- How can He know that God the Father is any different?

Question: What prophetic Name of God would need to be manifested in story # 4?

Answer: Everlasting Father

“In the great governing kingdom of God, we all need the manifested names of God to bring us Peace and Power, to Putting things right that are wrong, and we need his Pure moral right-ness in our life. This comes as we grow and mature in Christ.”

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Question: What is your story right now? What name of God do you need in your life?

“Regardless of your experiences on earth, when you invite Jesus of Christmas into your life, He will manifest Himself in a way that meets every deficit that you have on the earth. The best thing you can do is come home for Christmas.”

“He doesn't just manifest himself as the great governing God of the universe, but He wants you to access Him in the universe of your own personal journey/story/narrative/life.”

Come into the Governing Power of God's Kingdom Family.

Come home for Christmas!

- In doing so you will experience the power of His manifested name and names.
- The best gift of Christmas is that God so loved the world that He gave us exactly what we needed and WHO we needed!

HIS SON!! (*The Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, & the Prince of Peace.*)

PRAY TO INVITE the manifested presence of God and His name into your moment of life right now!

- *"Dear God, I come to you in Jesus name, asking you to manifest yourself as Mighty God in my situation right now, as Wonderful Counselor in my situation right now, as Everlasting Father in my situation right now, as Prince of Peace right now. I invite you in as my savior to forgive me for my sins, to come into my life and to save me. Lord, I am coming home for Christmas."*

CONCLUSION - As I close, I speak these declarations over your life this week

DECLARATIONS

- I declare and decree that the "*wonderful counselor*" will be your defender and comforter this week as you grieve whatever losses face you during this holiday season.
- I declare and decree that the power of our "*Mighty God*" will be unleashed against any sickness, disease, ailment, virus, foe or enemy that seeks to hurt or harm you as God's deliverance affects your healing and restoration, In the Name of Jesus!
- I declare and decree that you will call on and lean on your "*Everlasting Father*" believing that your eternal destiny is secure and that your sonship in him will never be threatened. May you know in your heart of hearts that your heavenly father will never leave you nor forsake you, dear child of God!
- I declare and decree that the peace that passes all understanding will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus as the "*Prince of peace*" calms your spirit during this holiday week from all **anxiety, worry, confusion, and fear**. The peace of God is yours as you release your cares to him now, in the Mighty & Manifested NAME of Jesus!