

Session #4 Everlasting Father

Micah 5:2 (NLT) *A Ruler from Bethlehem*² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

Luke 2:1–20 (NLT)⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Isaiah 9:6–7a (NLT)⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His government and its peace will never end.

Jesus has almost 200 titles.

Three Amazing Gifts of the Everlasting Father:

1. Jesus, Everlasting Father, Brings Certainty To The Offer of Our Future

John 5:24 (NLT)²⁴ "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

1 John 5:11–12 (NIV)¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

We can know for sure, through prophesy, fulfilment of prophesy, miracles, teaching, love, power, and transformed people that Jesus' promise are true.

2. Jesus, Everlasting Father, Wants A Real Relationship With You!

Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)¹⁴ All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

John 15:4 (NLT) ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

John 14:23 (NLT) ²³ Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

Matthew 11:28–30 (NLT) ²⁸ Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

Revelation 3:20 (NLT) ²⁰ “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

Matthew 27:50–52a (NLT) ⁵⁰ Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, ⁵² and tombs opened.

3. Jesus, Everlasting Father, Ensures Forever Life For True Followers!

Luke 1:30–33 (NLT) ³⁰ “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

Psalm 23:6 (NLT) ⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and **I will live in the house of the Lord forever.**

John 11:25–26 (NLT) ²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

Luke 23:42–43 (NLT) ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus replied, **“I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

2 Timothy 4:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

John 3:16 (NLT) ¹⁶“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

I. Everlasting - You can celebrate everlasting

II. Good Father - You can celebrate a loving father and guide, and close caring heart relationship

You Can Know More, By Seeking The Light!

Luke 2:29–32 (NLT) *The Prophecy of Simeon*

²⁹“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰I have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared for all people. ³²He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

Key Prophecies and Verses regarding "Light of the World"

- **Isaiah 9:2**: Predicts that the people walking in darkness would see a "great light".
- **Isaiah 42:6 & 49:6**: Prophesies the Servant of the Lord will be a "light for the nations" to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.
- **Isaiah 60:1-3**: Calls to "Arise, shine, for your light has come," indicating the Lord's glory rising upon His people.
- **John 8:12 (Fulfillment)**: Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life".
- **John 9:5**: Jesus reaffirms, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world".
- **Matthew 5:14-16**: Jesus tells his followers, "You are the light of the world," urging them to let their light shine before others.
- **Revelation 21:23-24**: Describes the future holy city where the Lamb (Jesus) is its light, and nations walk by that light.

Matthew 2:1–12 (NLT) *Visitors from the East*

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

⁹ After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Wise, Still Seek Him!

*"Dear God,
I confess that I am a sinner and that I need your forgiveness.*

*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God,
that He died on the cross for my sins,
and that He rose from the dead on the third day.*

I ask you to forgive me of my sins and to come into my life as my Lord and Savior.

I give my life to you,

and I ask for your guidance and strength to live for you from this day forward.

Thank you for your love and mercy.

In Jesus' name, Amen