

Series: Priceless Gifts From God To You!

Session #1 Mighty God

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. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

Luke 2:8–20 (NLT) *The Shepherds and Angels*

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."

¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, ¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. ²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

Seven Priceless Gifts From A Mighty God:

1. Jesus Brought Salvation

Jesus explains salvation is a spiritual new birth! Have you experienced the new birth?

John 3:1–16 (NLT) There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee.

² After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." ³ Jesus replied, **"I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."** ⁴ "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" ⁵ Jesus replied, **"I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit."** ⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. ⁷ So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't

tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.”
⁹ “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? ¹¹ I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony. ¹² But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 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.”

2. Jesus Brought Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7 (NLT) ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

John 8:1–11 (NLT) *A Woman Caught in Adultery* Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ² but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³ As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. ⁴ “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” ⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. ⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?” ¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

3. Jesus Brought Deliverance & Freedom

John 8:31–32 (NLT) ³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Luke 4:18–19 (NLT) ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.”

Romans 8:1–4 (NLT) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to

death.³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

4. Jesus Brought Words & Teaching

Matthew 7:24–29 (NLT) *Building on a Solid Foundation*²⁴ “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,²⁹ for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

5. Jesus Brought Offer of A Relationship With God as Children and Friends

John 1:10–13 (NLT)¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Galatians 3:26–29 (NLT)²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Romans 8:15–16 (NLT)¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.”¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

John 15:12–15 (NLT)¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

6. Jesus Brought The Kingdom & Preached The Kingdom

Luke 17:20–27 (NLT) *The Coming of the Kingdom* ²⁰One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?” Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. ²¹ You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.” ²² Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it. ²³ People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. ²⁵ But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. ²⁷ In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

- We are to seek the kingdom now, and it makes a difference now

Mark 1:14–15 (NLT) ¹⁴ Later on, after John [John the Baptist] was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. ¹⁵ “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

Matthew 6:9–13 (NLT) ⁹ Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. ¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

7. Jesus Brought Abundant Life

John 10:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Jeremiah 17:5–8 (NLT) ⁵ This is what the Lord says: “Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. ⁶ They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. ⁷ “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. ⁸ They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

Seven Priceless Gifts Jesus, a Mighty God, Brought to Us:

1. Salvation – eternal life
2. Forgiveness
3. Deliverance & Freedom
4. Amazing Words & Teaching
5. Relationship With God – We Are His Children & Friends

6. His Amazing Kingdom

7. Abundant Life

Prayer Thoughts For the Week:

- ⇒ Do you realize the significance of these gifts? Are you sure?
- ⇒ Do you realize you can't produce these gifts, even if you had all the money in the world? They only come from a Mighty God!
- ⇒ Are you tapping into each gift and seeking to benefit fully from each one in your life, mind, will and emotions? Jesus himself wants you to fully benefit from the gifts He provided.
- ⇒ Celebrate God's goodness! Then, continue to celebrate it!