

# **Sermon Points**

Week 3 - 12.11.22 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Everlasting Father

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

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Main Point: Jesus is a loving king with a protective, fatherly care that lasts forever.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6 ESV - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

# Series recap:

1 - Wonderful Counselor - wise king with divine guidance and saving help.

Describes - <u>PURPOSE</u> of his kingship

Answers - What is he coming to do?

2 - Mighty God - powerful king with prevailing strength and redeeming authority

Describes - BASIS of his kingship

Answers - How will he do it?

#### <u>Problem - How can JESUS be our father?</u>

#### Charles Spurgeon answers:

"How complex is the person of our Lord Jesus Christ! Almost in the same breath the prophet calls him a 'child' and a 'counsellor', a 'son' and the 'everlasting father'. This is no contradiction, but it is a mighty marvel that he who was an infant should at the same time be infinite; that he who is in the Divine Trinity always called the Son, should nevertheless be correctly called 'the everlasting father'. How forcibly this should remind us of the necessity of carefully studying and rightly understanding Him - we must not suppose that we shall understand him at a glance. While a look will save the soul, only patient meditation can fill the mind with the knowledge of the Savior. He speaks to us in plainest language, and he manifests himself openly in our midst, and yet in his person itself there is a height and depth which human intellect fails to measure. When he has looked long and steadily, the devout observer perceives in his Well-beloved beauties so rare and ravishing that he is lost in wonder."

Answer #1 - Father in the sense that Jesus makes a way for God his father to become our father.

Answer #2 - Father in the sense of founder of our salvation

Answer #3 - Father in the sense of his heart toward us - He is like a father

Answer #4 - Father in the sense of showing us who God the father is

## The Loving Care of a father involves:

- Fierce Protection
- Tender Affection
- Generous Provision
- Compassionate Comfort
- Attentive Presence
- Affirming Encouragement
- Kind Correction
- Guiding Direction
- Intervening Help
- Truthful Teaching
- Model Example

#### Ways in which Jesus is the perfect father:

#1 - Jesus is never irritated by your interruptions

#2 - Jesus is never frustrated by your failures

#3 - Jesus is never exasperated by your needs

#### Our earthly pictures of a dad are:

- 1 Failed Fatherhood an absent father / no picture
- 2 Flawed Fatherhood a bad father / bad picture
- 3 Finite Fatherhood a good father / insufficient picture

But Jesus is the only example of -

Forever Fatherhood - a perfect father / perfect picture

#### Recap of Sermon Series with "Everlasting Father" included

**1 - Wonderful Counselor** - wise king with divine guidance and saving help. (HEAD)

Describes - PURPOSE of his kingship

Answers - What is he coming to do?

# **2 - Mighty God** - powerful king with prevailing strength and redeeming authority (HAND)

Describes - BASIS of his kingship

Answers - How will he do it?

## **3 - Everlasting Father** - loving king with protective care that lasts forever. (HEART)

Describes - NATURE of his kingship.

Answers - What will he be like?