

**TEXT- Isa 9:1-7 vs. 6** *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

**INTRO**—Isaiah saw 700 years into the future. He saw a messiah and a deliverer who would come.

He saw three things about our wonderful Lord.

- He saw a Child — “unto us a child is born.”
- He saw a Cross — “unto us a son is given.”
- He saw a King — “the government shall be upon his shoulders.”

“O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.  
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.”

**Why did Isaiah call Jesus by all of these wonderful titles? Because...**

### I. HE LOVES US.

**Jesus said**, “*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*” **John 15:12**

**Jeremiah 31:3** “*The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*”

**Ephesians 2:4** “*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*”

**Many Christian songs have been written about the love of God-  
“The Love of God” “Jesus Loves Me” “Love Lifted Me”**

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

**His love is...**

• **Undeserved: Romans 5:8** “*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”

Swiss Reformed theologian Karl Barth was asked, “What is the most profound thought that ever entered your mind?” After a brief moment of reflection, Barth replied, “The most profound thought I have ever known is the simple truth: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

• **Universal: John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world’—Heaven’s brightest beam.**

**‘That He gave His only-begotten Son’—Earth’s greatest theme.**

**‘That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish’—God’s simplest scheme.**

**‘But have everlasting Life’—Life’s purest stream.**

• **Unfailing: John 13:1** “. . . when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.”

**Heb 13:5** “. . . he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

• **Unsearchable: Ephesians 3:19** “. . .to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.”

**And can it be that I should gain**

**An interest in the Savior’s blood?**

**Died He for me, who caused His pain—**

**For me, who Him to death pursued?**

**Amazing love! How can it be,**

**That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

• **Unequaled: 1 John 3:2** “*Beloved, now are we... ”*

**Act 4:12** *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

• **Unselfish: John 15:13** “*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*”

**A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,**

**a wonderful Savior to me.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,**

**where rivers of pleasure I see.**

### II. HE KEEPS US.

**His hand is strong and secure. John 10:27-29** “*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.*”

**Heb 13:8** *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

Does the perseverance of our faith rest decisively on the reliability of our own resolve? Or does it rest decisively on the work of God to “keep us trusting”?

Is God faithful?

1 Th 5:24 *Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

- If a Christian could go to hell he would have to take the Holy Spirit with him. That’s not going to happen.
- It is not the just the perseverance of the believer it is the perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

### III. HE WATCHES OVER US.

Psalm 34:15 *“The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous...”*

Proverbs 15:3 *“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”*

Psalm 32:8 *“...I will guide thee with mine eye.”*

He sees...

- **The hopeless** – Ps 17:8 *“Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings...”*

Mel Trotter was an alcoholic. At one point his child was ill. Looking for money for a drink he took the boots of the child’s feet and sold them for money for a drink. When he returned home he discovered that his child had died. He staggered out into the night, unable to overcome the pull of drink. He would throw himself into Lake Michigan. In this condition he stumbled into the Pacific Garden Mission and heard Harry Monroe share his testimony of how God delivered him from drunkenness. Trotter was saved that night. He went on to direct a rescue mission in Grand Rapids and then found over 30 more around the country. He was transformed by the power of Christ.

- **The helpless** – Ps 33:18 *“Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;”*

Joh 5:5, 8 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. . . . 8 Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

### IV. HE HEARS US.

Psalm 116:1-2 *“I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.”*

He hears...

- Our pleas
- Our praise
- Our prayers

### V. HE GUIDES US.

Psalm 119:105 *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”*

The Bible

• **Blesses us** – Revelation 22:7 *“Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.”*

• **Puts a fire in us**– Jeremiah 20:9 *“His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, ...”*

• **Strengthens us** – Acts 20:32 *“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”*

### VI. HE COMFORTS US.

John 14:26 *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*

John 15:26-27 *“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.”*

John 16:7-8 *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”*

He gives...

- Power
- Direction
- Protection

### VII. HE IS PROVIDING A HOME FOR US.

John 14:2-4 *“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”*

Revelation 21:3-5

He is preparing a home where there is...

- **No more death (21:4). No funerals, cemeteries and headstones.**
- **No more sorrow (21:4).**
- **No more crying (21:4). This speaks of "sad" things**
- **No more pain (21:4). This speaks of sickness and physical troubles.**

**CONCL** – We have a wonderful Savior