

Everlasting Father Isaiah 9:6-7

INTRODUCTION

Please turn in your Bible to Isaiah 9:1-7. We continue this morning with our study of the **King with 4 Names: *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace***. These are not names in the sense of the names that we use for each other on a daily basis. Rather these are names that describe the character, the quality, the essence of who this child is.

Well, with this third name Isaiah introduces us to one who is **called "*Everlasting Father*."** The first name, "***Wonderful Counselor***" reminds us of the Savior's incredible wisdom and competency. The second name, "***Mighty God***" reminds us of our Savior's power and His ability to fulfill His promises and meet our needs. And in this name, ***Everlasting Father***, we see the compassion and love of our Savior.

But how can this child, this son, be an Everlasting Father? Jesus is not called ***Everlasting Father*** because there is confusion about the nature of God the Father and God the Son. Jesus is called the ***Everlasting Father*** because of His father-like qualities. He is still God the Son, but His love and grace is like that of a Father with His children.

I. Truth #1: the _____ is _____

A. He is the _____ and the _____

(Revelation 1:17-18; Psalm 90:2)

B. He is _____ all things (Colossians 1:17)

C. He _____ forever (Hebrews 1:10-12)

II. Truth #2: the _____ is a _____

A. What it _____ mean? The Son is not the Father in _____ to the Trinity

The word **Father** here is a reference **not** to His position but to His eternal authority. Everlasting Father or Eternal Father means He is the Father of Eternity. That is, He is the source of – He is the originator of – eternity.

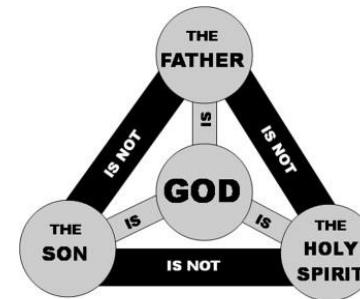
Think of it this way. You may know of that Gospel account where Jesus describes Satan as a liar, in John 8. Jesus says that lying is Satan's native tongue; it is his language. And Jesus says this in John 8:44 that **Satan is the father of lies**. What the Lord means is that Satan is the original liar. He is the origin of lying; he is the source of lying. So, Jesus is the Father of eternity, which means He is the origin of eternity and the source of eternal life. You could say it this way – The Messiah is the originator of eternal life. Lying is Satan's specialty, while eternal life is Jesus's specialty. Jesus is the dispenser and the originator of life everlasting.

1) The Son is _____ from the Father (John 1:1-2, 10:30)

In the Bible the Son is distinguished from the Father. We read in John 1:1-2: **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."** (John 1:1-2)

The Word in this verse is Jesus, and we see from this verse that Jesus is God, and yet He is also distinguished from God. In the beginning He was God, and yet He was also with God. How can that be?

The answer is what we call the **Trinity (or Triune 3 in 1)**



The Bible reveals to us one God who exists eternally as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2) The Son _____ the Father (John 14:8-9; Hebrews 1:3)

So, when Isaiah calls Jesus **"Everlasting Father,"** we must be careful to distinguish this name from the Trinity. The name is still revealing of the Trinity, for God the Father and Jesus the Son both share the same divine nature. But Jesus is not the Father in the sense of God the Father in the Trinity.

B. What it _____ mean? The Son is a Father in _____ to us

What we have here is a designation of a quality of the Messiah with respect to His people. When we think of the way in which the Messiah deals with those who are His own, He acts towards them as a father towards His children. This thought is well captured in Psalm 103. Please turn with me to this magnificent Psalm.

**1. As Everlasting Father, He _____
us _____**

When we take what it says, the Bible, concerning the forgiveness of God—a full and a final and a complete forgiveness—it must be set within the context of God’s character. **Why? Because God is holy and because He is just, He cannot, He does not, and He will not condone our sins and our transgressions, nor will He overlook them.** That is immediately a problem for each of us. Because each of us has broken God’s law. Every one of us has transgressed against him. Each of us knows what it is to have that bias within our very beings which veers towards our own selfish agendas and seeks to turn our back on the way that God has marked out for us.

**2. As Everlasting Father, He _____
us _____**

**3. As Everlasting Father, He _____
us _____**

This is the story of the gospel. This is the most amazing and wonderful story: that the God whom I (we) have chosen to ignore comes looking for us, pursuing a relationship with Himself—that the God in whom we have expressed zero interest is the God who seeks us out.

CONCLUSION

What can we take with us this morning?

Here’s the main **takeaway: as the Everlasting Father, He takes full _____ for us. Let’s _____ in Him.**

The Lord Jesus is able to protect us today. There is nothing that He can’t handle. He is able to protect us from anything. Jesus never gets tired by having to care for so many people. He never loses track of who we are. He is able to keep track of everything about you. The Gospels frequently speak of Jesus’ compassion for people that He met. Jesus cares about you.