

INTRODUCTION

1. Isa 9:6-7 - 4 couplets = 4 names. 1 person, 2 natures: human & divine. Rule over God's government sitting on David's throne - Mat 1:21-23.
2. Messiah's kingdom is a kingdom of salvation.

1st: The Name *Wonderful Counselor*

1. *A Wonder of a Counselor*. *Wonder* = deity. Unfathomable, transcendent. OT used re: God - miraculous deliverances [Exo 15:11; Ps 77:14; Isa 25:1].
 - i. Angel of Lord visits Samon's parents - Jdg 13:15-20
 - ii. Isa 9:6 - the promised Davidic King is divine: He is *wonderful*.
2. *Counselor* = Jesus' humanity: advisor - embodies divine wisdom & purpose
 - i. Isa 28:29 This son will be the incarnation of divine wisdom.
 - ii. *Counsel - plan or purpose*. Decree; sovereign rule. Isa 40:13-14. None can counsel the *Wonderful Counselor*. Isa 46:10b
3. What is the counsel & purpose of *the Wonderful Counselor*? Isa 45:20-25
 - i. Idolatrous nations taunted to *consult* [our term: *counsel*] & devise a plan of salvation (idols cannot save). But YHWH has a plan as the only true God & Savior whose salvation extends to the ends of the earth.
 - ii. This kingdom of salvation is ruled by Jesus: the *Wonderful Counselor*

2nd: The Name *Mighty God*

1. Couplet identifies divine/human Messiah: *El Gibbor*. *El* = "God" coupled w/ attributes. God of the Mtn - Ex 6:3; God Most High - Gn 14:18; God of Eternity - Gn 21:33; God of the Seeing One - Gn 16:13; God of Compassion - Dt 4:31; God of Forgiveness - Ps 99:8; God of Grace - Neh 9:31; God of Jealousy - Ex 20:5. Isa 9:6 prophesies Messiah's deity.
2. *Gibbor: Mighty* as noun = *warrior* [156x in OT]; as adjective = "Almighty". *Mighty* - God in war & judgment: [Dt 10:17; Ps 24:8; Jer 32:18; Neh 9:32a].
 - i. Song of Moses - defeat Pharaoh's army. *Lord is a warrior* [Exo 15:3].
 - ii. Isa 10:21 *mighty God* [Isa 9:6] - depicts God saving His people.
 - iii. Zeph 3:14-17 - return of exiles - joy of victory & peace after conflict
3. Isa 9:6 does what "messianic Pss" do: prophesy the divine Son of David.
 - i. Jesus' use of Ps 110:1 [Lk 20:41] - How can David's Lord be David's son? Ans = incarnation of the Son of God: 1 person in 2 natures
 - ii. cf. Ps 45:1 a wedding song [bride addressed in v10ff]
 - a. v3 King is a warrior - *O Mighty One*.
 - b. v6-7 King is *God* & the *anointed* Messiah
 - c. Heb 1:8-9 cites Ps 45:6-7 fulfilled by enthroned Jesus: Divine King.

Applic #1: We Must Know Jesus in Terms of His God-Given Names

1. Only God can reveal His names.
2. We traffic in the IIIrd commandment - Exo 20:7.

Applic #2: We Must Know the Historical Jesus

1. History concerns space & time. Isa 9:6 - birth of an historical person
2. Where? Isa 9:1-9. When? Mat 4:12-17
3. Do not deny the historical Jesus or His supernatural mission. The divine Son of God - incarnate to accomplish our salvation - supernaturally.

Applic #3: The Promised Son Has Come to Accomplish God's Purpose.

1. Heb 10:5-10 The incarnate divine Son accomplished our human salvation.
2. *When He comes into the world* [v5], He quotes Ps 40. The *Wonderful Counselor & Mighty God* comes into the world for a purpose - 2C5:21.

Applic #4: Biblical, Historical Jesus Calls Us to be Biblical, Historical Disciples

1. The salvation that Jesus has accomplished is also historically applied historically by the Holy Spirit to real sinners who Jesus really saves.
2. If the Son of God assumed humanity for our salvation, if we're saved, let's give Him our entire humanity.