

“HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED. . .THE MIGHTY GOD”

(Part Three – series on Bible Names for the Divine Son)

TEXT: Isaiah 9:6,7

INTRODUCTION: The great Messianic prophecies of chapters seven and nine are part of Jehovah’s message through His prophet Isaiah to a people at war. Ahaz, the wicked, idolatrous King of Judah is facing a formidable confederacy between Samaria and Syria. He hires as mercenaries the military might of Assyria and defeats his enemies. He leans on the “arm of the flesh,” not the mighty arm of God, and the wicked king would live to regret it (7:20).

Therefore God gives a sign through the virgin birth (7:14) that He Himself will restore the throne to Israel and in so doing save the world. He gives this sign to the “*house of David*” -- not to Ahaz alone. The divine Child promised in Isaiah 9:6 was Israel’s only hope. His name would point to the fact that He was the omnipotent God. “*Is anything too hard for the Lord?*”

OUTLINE: Scripture, all true saints, and the Savior Himself bear collective witness to the truth of Jesus’ name – “the mighty God.”

I. The Precedent for the Name in Scripture

- A.** Immanuel – “God with us” (Isa. 7:14)
- B.** El Shaddai – “the Almighty God” (Gen. 17:1)
- C.** The “Son of the Highest” (Lk. 1:32)

II. The Practicality of the Naming by the Saints

- A.** In devotional delight
 - 1. Meditation on His eternal love (Jer. 31:3; Rev. 17:8)
 - 2. Praise for His attributes (Psalm 139)
 - 3. Prayer through His mediatorship (Jn. 14:12,13; 1 Tim. 2:5)
- B.** In dire dependence (Jer. 17:5, 7)

III. The Proof of the Name in the Savior (Lk. 24:19)

- A.** Power to resist sin (Heb. 4:15,16)
- B.** Power to remit sins (Matt. 9:6)
- C.** Power to resurrect Himself (Jn. 10:17,18; Eph. 1:19,20)
- D.** Power to rule the nations (Lk. 1:33; Rev. 19:15)

CONCLUSION: Yes, Jesus Christ is *“the mighty God.”* Therefore He *“is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by him.”* All the omnipotence of Deity resides in Him Who is *“the brightness of [God’s] glory and the express image of his Person”* (Heb. 1:3). The Child born and the Son given combine to furnish us with *“the mighty God.”*

Is the government of your life upon His almighty shoulder?