

Sermon Outlines

His Name is Wonderful - Isaiah 9:6

Reading:

Isaiah 9:1-7
Luke 2:10

Introduction

The record of the Holy Spirit is that, whither it is creation or redemption (Col. 1:18); among the saints (Rom. 8:29); governmental positions on earth (Psa. 47; 2) or in Heaven (1 Pet. 3:22); or in the rights to take the book for the executing of judgment the Lord (Rev. 5: 7; Jn. 5:22, 27); it will be without equal.

Against the dark background of national spiritual rebellion and devastation (Isa. 1:2-4); and pronounced woes (ch. 5:8, 11, 18, 20, 21); God gives to Isaiah this wonderful prophecy of hope.

- a) When God speaks of “hope” it is not as we speak of it, for with God it is a confident expectation or joyous anticipation.
- b) This anticipated “hope” is the person of our Lord, and He is described by five glorious names.

There is much discussion about whither the Lord has four or five names in this passage, for some understand the clause “Wonderful Counsellor” is to be viewed as one title. Over these three months they will be considered separately as, “Wonderful and Counsellor,” and then as a single descriptive term.

His Glorious Names

His name is Wonderful:

- a) The word “wonderful” is applied to:
 - i) The love of David to Jonathan (2 Sam. 1:26)
 - ii) The works of God (Psa. 78:4)
 - iii) Knowledge (Psa. 139:6), a theme which shall be considered under “Counsellor”.
- b) Christ is wonderful
 - i) In his person:
 1. He is the only one of who it can be said that God, “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power” (Heb. 1:2, 3)
 - ii) In his passion:
 1. The writer to the Hebrews recorded that:
 - (a) “He had by himself purged our sins” (Heb. 1:3)
 - (b) He offered “one sacrifice for sins for ever” (Heb. 10:12)
 - (c) “Once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin” (Heb. 9:26)
 - iii) In His position:
 1. He “sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb. 1:3)
 2. He is the “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” (Rev. 19:16)
 3. He is the King of God’s appointment (Psa. 2:6)
 4. He is the appointed Judge by God (Jn. 5:22, 27)
 - iv) In his promises:
 1. “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish” (Jn. 10:28)
 2. “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (Jn. 6:37)
 3. “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:20)
 4. “All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen” (2 Cor. 1:20)

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- v) In his providences (the happenings in life, as individuals and nations).
1. "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28)
 2. "He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again" (Job 12:23)
 3. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children" (Psa. 103:17)
 4. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17)
 5. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Pet. 5:7)
- vi) In his power:
1. Even while He was on earth he had "power on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:6)
 2. He had power to "lay down his life" (Jn. 10:18)
 3. "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18)
 4. He had power to heal sicknesses and cast out devils (Mk. 3:15)
 5. He had power over creation (Mk. 4:39)
 6. He had power over the world's militaries (Rev. 19:17-21)
 7. He is the source of all power (Eph. 3:20)
 8. He shall come in power (Lk. 21:27)
 9. He demonstrated resurrecting power (Phil. 3:10)

Conclusion

Of all these rich blessings, that which we love to sing about is the wonder of His love and the power of His Blood. George Beverly Shea often sang "The Wonder of It All," and we in heartiness can join with him and sing:

There's the wonder of sunset at evening,
The wonder as sunrise I see;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul
Is the wonder that God loves me.

Refrain:
O, the wonder of it all!
The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.
O, the wonder of it all!
The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.

There's the wonder of springtime and harvest,
The sky, the stars, the sun;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul
Is the wonder that's only begun.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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