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When the Lord Jesus arrived in Bethlehem, what is commonly called “the First Advent,” He was anticipated by many who knew that a Messiah had been prophesied. Consider Andrew and the Samaritan woman:

Jn. 1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.**

Jn. 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias cometh, which is called Christ**: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am *he*.**

The Lord Jesus, God Incarnate, came the first time as the “Suffering Messiah,” and He will appear the next time as the “Reigning Messiah.” This Christmas Eve we focus a few minutes on

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MESSI'AH, *adjective* [Heb. anointed.] Christ, the anointed; the Savior of the world.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Messiah>

Psa. 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the LORD, and against his anointed**, *saying*,

Isa. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because **the LORD hath anointed me** to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison *to them that are bound*;

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because **he hath anointed me** to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Original Word: Μεσσίας

Transliteration: Messiah

Definition: Messiah, the O.T. title corresponding to Christ

Usage: Messiah, the Anointed One.

Messías – literally, "the *anointed* one," referring to Jesus as *the Christ* – supremely empowered by the *Holy Spirit* to accomplish all of the divine plan.

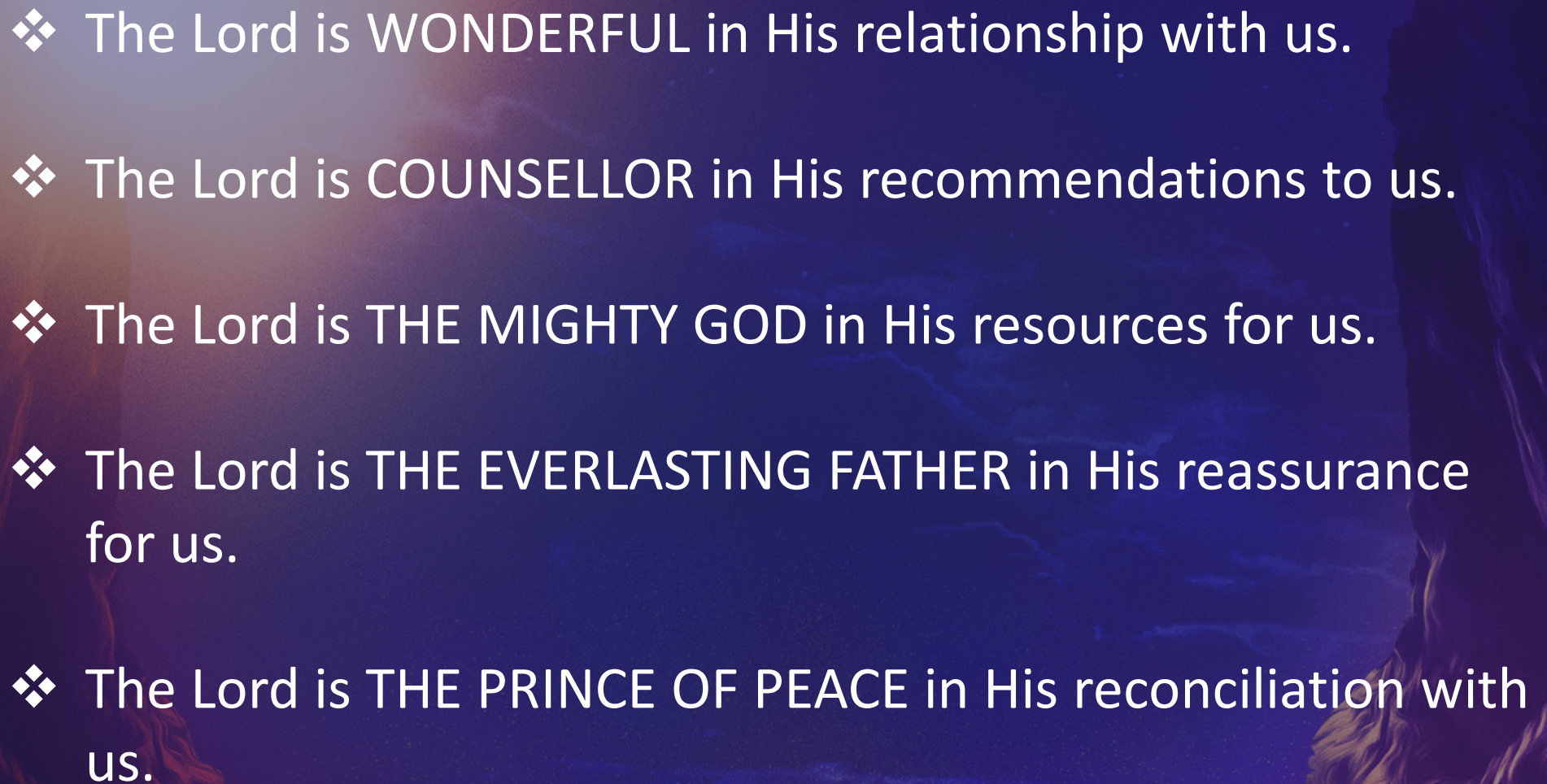
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This Christmas Eve we will focus upon three considerations regarding the Messiah.

I. THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

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- A dramatic landscape with a dark, starry sky and a glowing horizon over a dark sea. The sky is a deep blue and purple, filled with stars and a bright, glowing band of light near the horizon. The sea is dark and textured, with a warm, golden glow reflecting off the water's surface. The overall mood is serene and majestic.
- ❖ The Lord is WONDERFUL in His relationship with us.
 - ❖ The Lord is COUNSELLOR in His recommendations to us.
 - ❖ The Lord is THE MIGHTY GOD in His resources for us.
 - ❖ The Lord is THE EVERLASTING FATHER in His reassurance for us.
 - ❖ The Lord is THE PRINCE OF PEACE in His reconciliation with us.

II. THE PRESENTATION OF THE MESSIAH

Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Mt. 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall **call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**

❖ Before a sinner comes to Christ, there must be an introduction (“presentation”) and a realization of the true purpose of Christmas.

Luke 19:10 For **the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.

Luke 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, **They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.**

32 **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

- ❖ As prophesied, a virgin did conceive, had a son, and He was called Emmanuel – “God with us.”
- ❖ The greatest event in all of history was the Incarnation:

1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy **great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Jhn 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

III. THE PRESENCE OF THE MESSIAH

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

- ❖ The prophesied Messiah, appeared at Bethlehem, is Emmanuel – “God with us” to those who place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 3:22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ **unto all and upon all** them that believe: for there is no difference:

- ❖ When a person places faith in Christ, He promises to be with us, even unto the end of the world!

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, **lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**

Amen.

Conclusion

Eph. 3:20 Now **unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us,
21 **Unto him be glory** in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

