

The Mighty God

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (NIV 1984)

Philippians 2:5-11 ⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I. The God from the Old Testament was called "**The Mighty One**".

A. **Genesis** 49:24-25 But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of the breast and womb. (NIV 84)

B. **Psalms** 50:1 The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. (NIV 84)

C. **Isaiah** 60:15-16 "Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations. You will drink the milk of nations Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. (NIV 84)

II. This prophecy states that a child would be born, a son, who would be this Mighty God and that he would reign forever. The fulfillment of this is restated in Philippians 2:5-11.

A. He is the **fulfillment** of the Messiah prophecies. V. 5

B. He is God in His very **essence!** V. 6

C. He **un-grasped** his hold on His equality with God. V. 6

D. He became **fully human.** V. 7

E. He allowed Himself to be **crucified.** V. 8

F. He is the **Mighty God!** V. 10-11

III. How does this apply to us?

A. We must have an **accurate understanding** of who the Messiah is. V. 6

B. We must humble ourselves and **surrender** to the Messiah. V. 10-11

C. Our profession must be matched with the same **attitude** that the Messiah has. V. 5 "Phroneo- fron-eh'-o to exercise the mind, that is, entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication to be (mentally) disposed in a certain direction." (Abingdon's Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible)