Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9:1-7
Psalm 103
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Essential for Understanding Christmas is that Sin Made the World a Very Dark Place … Then God Sent Light!

- ◊ Isaiah 9:2
- ◊ John 1:1-5
- ◊ Luke 2:9

> ***For to us a child is born,***
> ***to us a son is given;***
> ***and the government shall be upon his shoulder,***
> ***and his name shall be called***
> ***Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,***
> ***Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***
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> **Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)**

The Big Idea: Jesus is our Everlasting Father. He not only provides the only way to God, but He shows us who God is. Forever, Jesus is our *provider* and our *protector*. Sin separated us from our Heavenly Father but through Christ we can be adopted as God's children.

"EVERLASTING	-	FATHER"
Word that describes and qualifies "Father";	-	Primary word indicating a Role of the Son;
"in perpetuity; without beginning or end"		***Jesus is our "Protector and our Provider"***

3 IMPORTANT KEYS TO APPRECIATING THESE WORDS:

- ◊ Isaiah is not speaking of the 1st Person of the Trinity – but the Second: The Son has "fatherly" qualities but is not the same as the Father. This is no different than the fact that the Spirit is not the same as the Son.
- ◊ Our experiences with our earthly fathers either makes it easier or more difficult to appreciate these truths regarding the "Fatherly" role of the Savior in our lives.
- ◊ Jesus the Messiah is the only one who can reveal God's fatherly character to us, for he is one in nature and essence with the Father. [John 14:6, 9]

HOW IS JESUS OUR "EVERLASTING FATHER"?

Jesus, like the best possible Father both provides for His children and protects them. He gives us a Father, forgiveness, and a family.

The Lord Loves His Children as a Father Loves His Children

> **13** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. Psalm 103:13 (ESV)

→ Jesus forgives my sins completely. [Psalm 103:3, 4, 10, 12]
Isaiah 53:5

→ Jesus made me and knows everything about me.
[Psalm 103:14]
Psalm 139:1, 14-16

→ Jesus loves His children with an undying, forever love.
[Psalm 103:17]

The Bottom Line

- ☐ We are all born orphans, alienated from God Our Father because of our sin. Jesus came to provide for our Adoption as sons and daughters. How? John 1:12
- ☐ None of this would be possible unless God loves us enough to offer us adoption into His family.
  "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are …" 1 John 3:1 (ESV)

What greater Christmas gift than for you to receive
God's greatest gift – His Son Jesus.
In Christ you are given a Father, forgiveness, and a family!