



Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty **God**,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Scholars have identified as many as 700 titles and names for Jesus in the Bible.

Jesus said of Himself that He was the Alpha and the Omega. Those are the first letter and the last letter of the Greek alphabet. We would say that Jesus is A-to-Z. He's the entire alphabet. He is everything God wants to say to you – the entire language of God.

Just for fun, we've been using our alphabet to identify some of the 700 titles and names. We're going, as it were, from A-to-Z. So far we've looked at these biblical names, from A through F:

1. The Last **A**dam
2. The **B**ridegroom
3. The **C**omforter
4. The **D**oor
5. The **E**xpress Image of God.
6. The **F**irstborn from the dead

That brings us to the letter **G**. Some of the 'G' names of Jesus are:

1. Glory of the Lord (from Isaiah 40:5)
2. Good Shepherd (from John 10:11)
3. Governor (from Matthew 2:6)
4. Great High Priest (from Hebrews 1:2)

The 'G' name we want to discuss is **God**. Jesus is often called God:

Hebrews 1:8 But to the Son *He* says:

*"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.*

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Romans 9:5 ... according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.

Jesus is called God in our verse from Isaiah – a traditional one at Christmas. To be exact, He's called **Mighty God**, but 'mighty' is a description.

At Christmas we celebrate the Child Who was born. But the babe, the child of Mary, was also a "Son... **given**" unto us. Jesus was a Child born as to His humanity. He was the only begotten Son of God, given to us as to His deity. He is *Immanuel*, God with us, fully God and fully man.

Immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to send a Savior Who would be both God and man. The Bible reveals the unfolding drama of God sending the Savior to the earth through Adam and Eve's descendants, and through the nation of Israel. He would defeat the powers of darkness and reclaim a lost planet, returning to rule and reign over the kingdom of God on earth.

Our verse reads, **And the government will be upon His shoulder**. The only thing that was upon His shoulders in His first coming was the beam of the Cross upon which He was crucified. The government promised follows Jesus Christ's Second Coming to earth.

Let's briefly look at the names surrounding Mighty God:

He is your Wonderful Counselor. Whether you want to acknowledge it or not, you need a counselor. In the Proverbs you read,

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.

So much of the hurt and pain in our lives comes from following our own counsel to ourselves or from the counsel of other men and

women. The counsel seems right, but it always leads us wrongly if it is not based solidly on the Word of God.

Jesus is your **Everlasting Father**. "Father" is being used in the sense of "founder." According to the Bible we are all descended from Adam; he is the "father," the founder, of the human race. Adam is sometimes called "the first man." Jesus came to redeem us and save us from the sin Adam plunged us into. The Bible calls Jesus "the second man" because He is the Father and founder of a new creation.

Jesus offers you peace *with* God, **and** the peace *of* God. Paul the apostle wrote,

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

You were born a rebel, dead in trespasses and sins, the enemy of God. Jesus died in your place, as your Substitute, to make peace with God. He is the only means by which anyone can be saved.

Once saved, you can experience the peace of God. In Philippians 4:6-7 you read,

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
Philippians 4:7 and **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

This kind of inner peace is a gift from the Prince of Peace available to any who have acknowledged Him.

Jesus will be mankind's **Mighty God** in the kingdom on earth. It means that He will be the One to Whom all power is given.

You don't have to wait to experience Him as God. Jesus is, or can be, your **Mighty God** right now. In the Hebrew it's like saying Jesus is the "Mighty Mighty God." He is the Mighty God Almighty, set apart from all other sources of power, strength, and ability.

There are many things we could say about His mighty mighty power:

1. He has power over creation. Scripture declare He was the One Who created all things, and that He is the One Who sustains all things.
2. He has power over all supernatural beings, both angels and demons.
3. He has power over the earth; in Matthew 28:18 He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”

There are many evidences of His mighty mighty power. He taught with authority when He was on the earth. He performed miracles. The events of His death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven were a display of His mighty mighty power.

As the Mighty Mighty God Jesus can accomplish everything He has promised you:

1. He can save you and give you eternal life. This above all else is what you need. You are lost, dead in trespasses and sins, without hope of heaven. But if you will believe on Jesus His mighty mighty power will save you. You can be free from the *penalty* of sin.
2. He can give you abundant life right now. His mighty mighty power promises you the filling of the Holy Spirit. He not only delivers you from the *penalty* of sin, but from the *power* of sin.
3. Eventually His mighty mighty power will deliver you from the *presence* of sin. You have been promised a resurrection from the dead to a glorious eternity in which there is no sin, no death, no hurt, no pain, no fear.

This portion of Scripture is famous as a Christmas text. I hope you see that it encompasses far more than the *birth* of Jesus as it establishes His *birthright* and looks forward to His Second Coming.

Phillipians 2:9 says, “for God also hath highly exalted Him, and given him a Name which is above every name,”

Humanity will have to bow to his Name or flee in shame. There is no other Name to compare with the Name of Jesus Christ.

There may be a concerted effort to take Christ out of Christmas.
Don't let it trouble you! He came; He's here, in you, until He comes
again.

Let Him shine through you!