



His name shall be called...

Mighty God

Week of December 6, 2020 / Isaiah 9:1-7

Memorize.

No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Open.

Which superhero did you dream of being when you were a child? Why? If you could possess one super-power today, what would it be?

Study.

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you? What questions do you have?

Read 1 Peter 1:10-11 and 1 Peter 1:20-21. What do these two passages have to tell us about the nature of prophecy and the work of a prophet?

Read Isaiah 9:1-7.

In 9:6a, the prophet says *"To us a child is born, to us a son is given."* From the perspective of humanity, what does that first phrase, *"To us a child is born"* mean? Read Luke 2:1-7 and Matthew 2:1.

From the perspective of heaven, what does the second phrase, *"to us a son is given"* tell us? Read John 3:16-17 and Galatians 4:4.

Read John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-17, and Hebrews 1:1-3. What does each of these statements tell us regarding God's Son, Jesus? What elements do they all share in common?

Read Hebrews 2:14-15. Why was it necessary for the eternal Son of God to wrap Himself in human flesh?

The second name given for the coming Messiah in Isaiah 9:6 is *"Mighty God."* It pictures God in his strength and might, as a warrior and a champion. What do we see mighty God doing in Psalm 45:3, 4; 50:1; Isaiah 9:4?

In Luke 1:46-49, who does Mary say has done great things for her?

A parallel title to *"mighty God"* is *"Lord of Hosts"*. Read Joshua 5:13-15 for a description of an encounter between Joshua and the Commander of the army of the Lord. What indicators indicate that Joshua was aware of the divine nature of this man?

Read Hebrews 1:6 and Luke 2:13-14. What class of angels does Luke say appeared to the shepherds? When they appeared, what were they doing? Why?

Read Matthew 28:18. To whom and for whom is Christ's authority available?

In what way(s) do you need to experience the mighty power and authority of Jesus in your life in the coming year?