

Peace is a Person







Isaiah, the First Gospel

**⁶ For a child will be born to us, a
son will be given to us;
And the government will [i]rest on
His shoulders;
And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**



What a Wonderful Name

- Wonderful – Hebrew word that means beyond our understanding or comprehension
 - Not English “oh, isn’t that cool/nice?”
 - But, “OH MY GOODNESS, WHAT WAS THAT, WHAT JUST HAPPENED? I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN MY LIFE!!!”
 - “I AM HUMBLLED AND I AM TOTALLY IN AWE!!”
- How often do we experience God like that?



What A Compelling Name

- Counselor – based on a Hebrew word that refers to a particular type of wisdom
 - Not just someone knows the difference between “knowledge” about how stuff works, and “wisdom to know the right way and the right time to use knowledge.
 - Bigger than that – it is referring to the wisdom and authority of the King who makes decisions and takes actions that change HISTORY



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Mighty God

- Doesn't refer to someone with stupid amounts of physical strength or irresistible power
- The Hebrew word is EL GIBBOR, and while it basically means strong or mighty, it is the term that is always used to describe a particular set of historical figures
- HEROES – like Nimrod in Genesis 10, or the mighty warriors of King David in 2 Samuel 23
- Implies bravery, courage and **action** in the service of others
- Pictured like this

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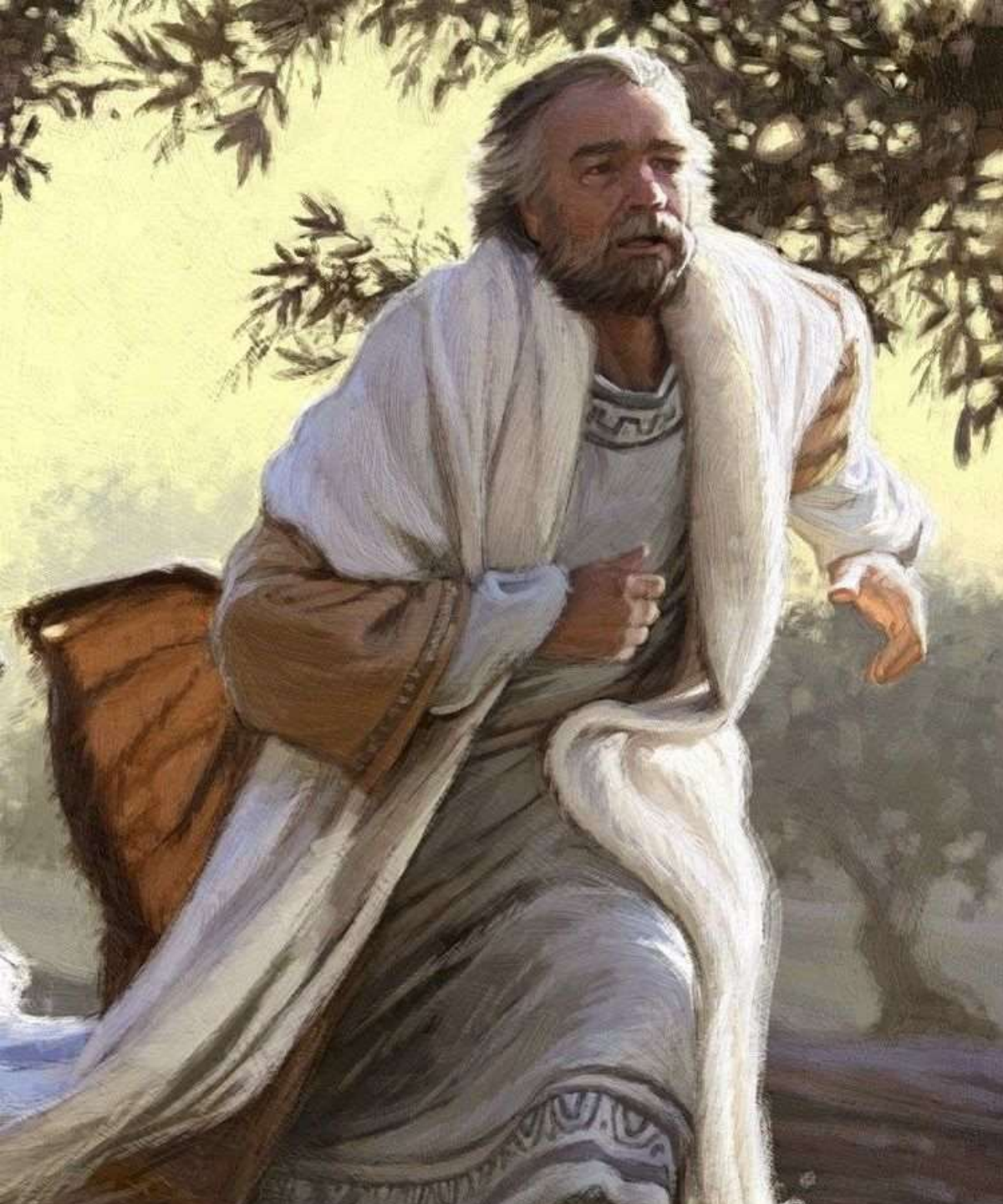


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¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

John 1:18



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Prince of Peace

- John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; **My peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.
- John 16: 33- These things I have spoken to you, so that **in Me you may have peace**. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”
- Colossians 3:15 - Let the **peace of Christ** rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- Philippians 4:6 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 **And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Two BIG Ideas

- Where does Peace come from?
 - From Resting in Jesus through the Power of the Holy Spirit
- What does He mean by PEACE?
- Eirene – the absence of strife and struggle; cessation of warfare, BUT ...
 - It is also the GK Word used to translate the Hebrew word for peace, Shalom
 - Shalom is a much bigger concept
 - Not just the absence of strife, but the PRESENCE of EVERYTHING that produces a sense of safety, satisfaction, health, hope, and contentment
 - The Ultimate confidence that everything is OK



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Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY