Introduction

We looked at "What Is In A Name" last week as we laid the foundation for this series of messages in which we will look at the NAMES of our LORD JESUS CHRIST here in Isaiah 9:6 and their significance.

- I . THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PERSON. ..."Wonderful"...
- II. THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PROFESSION. ... "Counsellor"...
- III. THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS POWER. ... "The mighty God"...
- IV. THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PERMANENCE. ... "everlasting Father"...
- V. THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PREEMINENCE. ... "The Prince of Peace"...

Today I want us to look at:

THE NAME THAT DESCRIBES HIS PERSON—WONDERFUL! "His name shall be called WONDERFUL"...

The word translated "WONDERFUL" means "miracle" and comes from a root word that means "to separate or to distinguish and to be great, full of wonder!"

It is a word that is used to describe that which is otherwise INDESCRIBABLE or that which leaves you in AWE!

How fitting that this word is used to describe our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** and is even one of **HIS NAMES** according to our text here in **ISAIAH!**

When we take time to ponder on the **PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST**, it truly should cause great **AMAZEMENT** and **WONDER** in our minds and heart!

Truly, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is someone WHO is FULL OF WONDER! We could never exhaust the wealth of TRUTHS that rest in the MAGNIFICENT PERSON called the LORD JESUS CHRIST!

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I could preach every day, all day, and would never run out of things to say about this **ONE WHO** is truly **WONDERFUL** above all that has ever been called or ever will be called **WONDERFUL!**

JESUS CHRIST should never be boring, or dull to us! If **HE** is, it is because our minds have been distracted from the **REALITY of HIS PERSON!**

As we read and study all of what the **BIBLE** says about **JESUS** our hearts should be **FULL OF WONDER** because **HE IS WONDERFUL!**

I. JESUS IS WONDERFUL BECAUSE OF HIS PERSON! JESUS is very GOD!

Isaiah 9:6—"His name shall be called. . .the mighty God. . . "

I'm not going to belabor this point because we will cover it extensively when we get to **HIS NAME** being "THE MIGHTY GOD!"

But the very fact that **HE** is "THE MIGHTY GOD" makes **HIS** NAME FULL OF WONDER!

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

John 1:14—"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

II. JESUS IS WONDERFUL BECAUSE OF HIS PROPHECIES!

A. CHRIST Is The Promised SEED Spoken About In The GARDEN OF EDEN To The SERPENT!

The **LORD GOD** said to the **SERPENT**...

Genesis 3:15—"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

B. We Find That All Throughout SCRIPTURE CHRIST Is Spoken Of And Typified!

Luke 24:25-27—"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

C. The OLD TESTAMENT Contains 332 Distinct PROPHECIES Which Were Literally Fulfilled In CHRIST!

(According to Canon Liddon)

- 1. Some Related To **HIS BIRTH!**
- 2. Some Related To **HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY!**
- 3. Some Related To **HIS DEATH AND BURIAL!**
- 4. Some Related To HIS RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION!
- 5. Plus There Are Some Yet To Be Fulfilled That Relate To **HIS SECOND COMING!**

D. The Great WONDER Is That Though These Prophecies Came By Different Prophets Over Thousands Of Years They Were All Fulfilled In One PERSON–JESUS CHRIST!

One cannot deny the **WONDER** of the **PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST** seeing that all these **PROPHECIES** came true to the letter in **HIS LIFE!**

E. We Who Are Saved Should Never Grow Tired Of Seeing The LORD JESUS CHRIST Pointed To Throughout The Whole BIBLE!

May GOD help us to not miss out on the OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES – they all paint a marvelous picture of GOD'S SON, that were fulfilled in that ONE SOLITARY LIFE!

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III. JESUS IS WONDERFUL BECAUSE OF HIS INCARNATION! John 1:14—"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

No other **BIRTH** has caused such **WONDER** as the **BIRTH** of **CHRIST!** *Isaiah* 7:14—"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

- A. HE Was Born NOT With The High And Mighty, But With The Poor And Lowly In a Tiny Village Called Bethlehem.
 - 1. **HE** was not born in a palace or in a fine home!
 But rather **HE** was born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes (strips of cloth) and placed in a manger (animal feeding trough.)
 - 2. At **HIS** birth, a group of **Shepherds** were the first to receive the news of **HIS BIRTH** and to come see **HIM**.
 - 3. How truly **WONDERFUL** that this **MARVELOUS ONE** arrived in such plain wrappings in the presence of such common surroundings.
- B. HE Was Born NOT By Genetic Engineering, But By GOD'S Engineering Through The VIRGIN BIRTH!

 The VIRGIN BIRTH was a MIRACLE! It is too awesome for us to understand or figure out!

To this day, it takes **TWO** sets of 23 chromosomes to make a human being – one set from a momma and one from a daddy.

Today doctors are still trying to mess around with the fertilization process trying to get it to where there doesn't have to be a daddy.

- 1) I've read where they have gotten it to work with a few species, but not with humans yet!
- 2) Where they have gotten it to work, they can only make females in mammals never males!
- 3) The VIRGIN BIRTH of a SON is an IMPOSSIBLE WONDER!

C. HE Was Born A KING At HIS BIRTH!

HE did not become a **KING** when **HE** grew up like normal princes and kings, **HE** was born **KING!**

Matthew 2:2-"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

Though **HE** did not reign as **KING** on the earth at **HIS FIRST ADVENT**, **HE** will indeed rule and reign over this **WORLD** for a **literal 1000 year period** at **HIS SECOND ADVENT!**

And, HE truly is the KING of kings and LORD of lords!

D. HE Was Born A LAMB At HIS BIRTH! (John 1:29, 36)
From the time of HIS BIRTH, JESUS was here for only one purpose –to save us from our sins as the one final HOLY LAMB sacrificed in our place.

How fitting it was for this **LAMB** to be born in a stable!

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IV. JESUS IS WONDERFUL BECAUSE OF HIS LIFE!

A. HE IS WONDERFUL In That HE Lived! (And HE LIVES!)

JESUS is a historical person. You will find **HIM** mentioned in books of history other than just the **BIBLE!** (e.g. The historian JOSEPHUS)

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B. HE Is WONDERFUL In That HE Cared! (And HE Cares!)

- 1. **HE** cared about a short tax collector named Zaccheus in a Sycamore tree and went to his house and changed his life!
- 2. **HE** cared about **JAIRUS** and his little girl who was sick and died, so **HE** raised her from the dead.
- 3. **HE** cared about a widow woman as she was burying her only son—so **HE** raised that young man back to life for his mom's sake.
- 4. **HE** cared about lepers—**HE** even touched some of them to heal them.
- 5. **HE** cared about children—**HE** rebuked **HIS DISCIPLES** for not allowing them access to **HIM!**
- 6. **HE** cared about an adulterous woman of **SAMARIA** whom **HE** met at a well.
- 7. **HE** cared about the multitudes who followed **HIM**.
- 8. **HE** cared about others and still cares about others!
- 9. **HE** cares about you!

HE Lived...He Cared (and Cares)...

C. HE Is WONDERFUL In That He Fulfilled HIS Purpose!

HE lived on this earth for about 33 ½ years.

- 1. **HE** could have left at any time.
- 2. **HE** could have even come down off the cross.

- 3. **HE** could have sought revenge for all the injustices against **HIM**.
- 4. But **HE** didn't! Praise **GOD JESUS** stayed all they way until **HE** was able to say, "It is finished!" as **HE** bowed **HIS** head in death for us!

The LIFE OF CHRIST is THE GREATEST LIFE ever lived, and is the only **ONE** truly worth learning from and emulating!

All of the greatest of humanity are but dung compared to **CHRIST!**

Conclusion

Do you know this **WONDERFUL PERSON** called **JESUS**? If not, you can know **HIM** in an intimate personal way today!

If you already know **JESUS** as your **SAVIOUR**, have you lost the **WONDER** of **WHO HE** really is? Or do you need to recapture that **WONDER** today!