

Royal Titles of Jesus of Nazareth

I. Introduction

- A. Royalty has always claimed titles; it is often called being “styled”
 - 1. Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith
 - 2. Not just a lot of formal hoopla and bragging
 - a) It all has meaning
 - b) Purpose is to let you know who you’re dealing with

- B. There is a passage in Isa. 9
 - 1. “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”
 - a) This prophecy predicted the birth of Jesus, as a king, the Son of David
 - b) So, it is often read during Christmas
 - 2. It speaks of the Messiah, saying that “His name will be called...”—although we know His name is Jesus
 - 3. But if we think that these are His personal names, we would be wrong
 - a) The whole passage is focused on the royalty of the Messiah...
 - (1) “the government will rest on His shoulders...”
 - (2) “There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,
 - (3) On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.”
 - b) **For Jesus** of Nazareth, King of the Jews, the Chosen One of God, the Messiah, these are some of His royal titles
 - (1) They all have meaning
 - (2) Their purpose is to let us know Who He is, and Who we’re deal with

- C. There is a Christmas carol that begins “What Child is this...?”
 - 1. Let’s talk about that this morning
 - 2. So, who is this child born to us, this son given to us?
 - 3. What do these titles tell us?

II. **WONDERFUL COUNSELOR**

- A. A counselor is one who is able to impart wisdom for living
 - 1. **Matthew 17:5** “While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “**This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!**””
 - 2. **And Jesus’ counsel is 1000 times better...**
 - a) ...than Oprah’s

- (1) and any celebrity's
 - (2) and every talk-show host's advice all combined
 - b) ...better than the latest poll
 - c) ...than the wisest psychologist
 - (1) or any sociologist with 10 PhDs behind his name
 - (2) or any scientist with an IQ of 190
 - d) ...than any politician's or commentator's
 - (1) from the right
 - (2) or the left
 - (3) or in the middle
 - e) ...than any theologian's
 - (1) or professor's
 - (2) or preacher's
 - (3) or best selling Christian author's
 - (4) or church growth experts advice—all combined!
 - f) ...than your coffee clutch friends
 - (1) and you lunch bunch
 - (2) and your water-cooler crowd
 - (3) and all of your Facebook friends all put together
 - g) ...than your mom or your dad
 - h) ...than the great king Solomon himself
3. His counsel is **WONDERFUL**
- a) **WONDERFUL...**Especially to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
 - b) **WONDERFUL...**To those who love the truth
 - c) **WONDERFUL...**To those who seek eternal life
 - d) **WONDERFUL...**To those who mourn their sins and crave forgiveness and a better way of life

B. **And regarding His counsel**, we do well to listen, **BUT DO MORE THAN LISTEN—DO**

- 1. Leads to salvation
- 2. Leads to abundant living, a new kind of life

C. Indeed, Jesus is accurately styled and titled "Wonderful Counselor"

- 1. The answer you need for every important situation you'll ever face is in Scripture
- 2. You need the counsel of the Wonderful Counselor

III. **THE MIGHTY GOD**

A. In case there was any doubt about Who the Messiah would be, this title erases all doubt

- 1. Creator
- 2. Judge of mankind at the end of time

B. Though He was clothed in flesh for a while, He was still fully God

1. All the fullness of Deity
 - a) **John 1:1,14** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."
 - b) **Colossians 2:9** "For **in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,**"
 - c) **No** mere...
 - (1) wise man
 - (2) prophet
 - (3) rabbi
 - (4) a good man who was just so good that God decided to adopt Him
 - d) He is **God Incarnate**
2. Now sitting on the throne of God and wielding **all** authority and power in **Heaven** and on **Earth**

C. Worthy of all that is due to God...

1. Worship
2. Reverence
3. Obedience
4. Loyalty
5. Love
6. Our lives

IV. **THE EVERLASTING FATHER**

- A. To understand this title, we need to understand how Israelites of this day understood it
 1. The ancient world was very family centered and **father led**
 - a) Also very *loyal* to family
 - b) and ready *follow* the father of the family in *solidarity*
 - c) **very unlike** the near neglect and almost contempt that some give to a father's authority today
 2. So, when the Messiah is called "The Eternal Father" it is His **divine leadership** over the whole of Israel — today, the church — that is being emphasized
- B. But it also emphasizes the Messiah's complete unity with the Father in Heaven
 1. **John 10:30** — "I and the Father are one.""
 2. John 5:19 "Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."
 3. John 5:23 "so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."
- C. Jesus Christ is...
 1. ...the Eternal Father, the Divine Leader of the chosen,

2. ...;and He is **One** with the Heavenly Father

V. THE **PRINCE OF PEACE**

A. It is Jesus Who brings...

1. Peace between God and man — **Romans** 5:10 "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."
2. **Peace** between man and man—
 - a) Luke 2:14 — "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth **peace among men** with whom He is pleased."
 - b) Ephesians 2:14 "**For He Himself is our peace**, who made both groups (Jew and Gentile) into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,"
3. **And** finally bring a mighty peace in the form of victory in the war between good and evil — 2Th. 2:8 — "Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;"
 - a) 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."
 - b) Rom. 8:37 tells us that we "**overwhelmingly** conquer through Him who loved us."
 - c) This complete victory over sin is part of what will be the sweet peace of Heaven

B. It is the reason why Jesus said, John 14:1 "Do not let your heart be **troubled**; believe in God, believe also in Me."

VI. Conclusion

A. Jesus of Nazareth is the King of kings and Lord of lords, but He is also...

1. **Wonderful** Counselor—will you listen to the counsel you need?
2. **Mighty** God—will you worship Him, honor Him, and live for Him?
3. **Eternal** Father—will you loyally follow Him as part of His family?
4. **Prince** of Peace—will you let Him bring peace to you to your troubled heart?
5. **Isaiah** 9:7 "There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace...From then on and forevermore...."

B. This is the Jesus...

1. We worship this morning
2. We celebrate in the tradition of Christmas
3. We live for daily
4. We would die for
5. We love
6. And we follow
7. And we encourage you to follow Him, too

8. He is worthy