

# He Shall Be Called: Mighty God

People often speak of a “higher power” or something greater than themselves. It shows that there is something within us that knows “we can’t just accomplish ANYTHING we set our minds to”. It’s a good motivational line but is it reality? It is truth?

I know that sometimes I’ve been able to do that, others I haven’t. And the older I get and more things I experience, the more I realize that I need the power of God working in my life. I’ve run into LOTS of things that I can’t seem to overcome on my own....I need a Mighty God!

## **Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)**

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.

At Christmas time we give special attention to the miraculous birth of Jesus. God born in the flesh, the gift of the Father coming to earth. And it’s not just the fact that He came, but why He came....for sinners? Yes. But ultimately to rule as the King of His Kingdom.

As King He has this name that is so great that the greatness of it can’t be fully understood. He would be called Wonderful Counselor. We looked at that last week. It speaks of His supernatural counsel. That He is something to marvel at even when we don’t understand. And His counsel, His Word, is perfect and true at all times.

This week we are moving on to Mighty God. He shall be called Mighty God. (Say “Mighty God:)

Jesus is Mighty God. Do you feel the weight of that statement. Not that He is A mighty god.  
Jesus is Mighty God.

This speaks of His POWER! Do you believe that Jesus is powerful? Mighty God.....

In the Hebrew it is “El Gibbor”.

“El” meaning God, the one true God. This is the root for Elohim, the name most commonly used for God in the Hebrew. “In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. “El” is also rooted in Immanuel a name for Jesus meaning “God with us”.

See this name is used to speak of the one true God in the OT and is translated as One True, Almighty, Saving, Merciful, Loving, Rock-Solid, Holy God.

There is a real significance of Isaiah saying He shall be called Mighty God. Where we tend to focus on the Mighty part, you first have to get the God part! It was a prophetic announcement to all that not only was the Messiah coming but He would be GOD!

Messiah doesn't mean God. Messiah means anointed one. Isaiah is saying He is than anointed, He is GOD!

Isn't that the first hangup that people have? Recognizing that Jesus IS God? It can be a hard thing to understand. If you remember part of the meaning of wonderful from last week was it can be hard to understand. We may not know all the details, the whys and hows.

Do we have to fully understand something to believe it? I don't fully understand electricity but it doesn't stop me from believing that it exists and works. I believe in it enough that I turn on the light switch and I'd be surprised if the light didn't turn on, in fact I'd probably be upset that it didn't come on. I don't have to know everything about it to believe in it.

I don't fully understand gravity. I know what it does but I don't understand why or how (yes it's been explained to me but I still don't understand it). But I believe it exists and works. I don't go jumping off of buildings just because I don't understand it. I don't have to know everything about it to believe in it.

Is Jesus God? Yes He is. I believe it. Do I understand everything about Him being God....nope....I sure don't. But I believe it. There is this thing we call the trinity, meaning three in one. The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. They exist as three persons yet they are One.....separate yet work in complete unity. I have some questions. I don't fully understand it, but I believe it.

Jesus is God. You have to start there. This Child that is given. He is God. This Son that is born. He is God. Not a God. THE God.

There's no other way. Salvation only comes through Jesus.....because He is God.

Jesus is equal and eternal with the Father; very God of very God, who counted it not robbery to be equal with God. Jesus does not diminish God the Father in any way. Jesus does not detract from God because He "and the Father are one." (John 10:30) "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am! (The same name that God revealed to Moses.)" (John 8:58) "The Father is in me, and I in the Father." (John 10:38) "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:7 & 9) (Jesus mentions his relationship with His Father over 100 times in the book of John.) Jesus is God.

It's not the focus of this message but also know that the Holy Spirit IS God. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit in His place! So if Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is God. Then if you deny either of them....you deny God! The creator of the heavens and the earth.

It might not make sense to you how Jesus was present at creation and then came thousands of years later to the earth as the Word made flesh (John 1) but you can still accept it and believe it!

You can still trust Him as Lord and Savior.....you need to....because Jesus is the only way to salvation. He is everlasting life!

Jesus is God.....Mighty God....El Gibbor

Gibbor means doesn't just mean mighty but mightiest! It doesn't just mean strong but strongest! Gibbor is a champion, a hero! The most powerful....

This word gibbor was used to describe some men in the bible, it always refers to the mightiest...

**Genesis 10:9 (NKJV)**

He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord."

There was no greater hunter. Nimrod was the "champion", the mightiest!

**Joshua 6:2 (NKJV)**

And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

Here God tells Joshua that He has given the mightiest of men over to Joshua's army (God's army).

**Joshua 8:3 (NKJV)**

So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand mighty men of valor and sent them away by night.

When we think of choosing 30k people, we think you probably are taking anyone that would go. But Joshua chose the mightiest, most powerful, 30k that he had!

So this word gibbor, means the best of the best. Unless there is a God intervention, they can't be beat, no one is better, they are the hero, the champion.

Those men of Jericho were mighty until the Lord delivered them to Joshua. The Lord makes even the mighty become low....

**Isaiah 5:15 (NKJV)**

People shall be brought down,  
Each man shall be humbled,  
And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.

**Luke 1:51-52 (NKJV)**

He has shown strength with His arm;  
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
And exalted the lowly.

Remember Goliath? He was gibbor. The bible says Goliath was a champion (gibbor). He was the mightiest, the most powerful, even a hero to his people. No one could defeat this great warrior. Well.....no MAN could defeat this great warrior because he was gibbor, the mightiest.

Then God intervened and by using David, defeated the champion.

There are mighty men. There are the best of the best. But we need to know that Mighty God is always greater than mighty man!

Jesus is Mighty God. He is the champion in every battle. He is the hero in every story. He is the mightiest, strongest, most powerful in every situation.

Think of the most difficult thing you are facing.

Jesus is above it.

He's more powerful than it.

Now isn't that the God you want with you as you face it?

**Jeremiah 32:17-18 (NKJV)**

'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. 18 You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts.

When Isaiah said He shall be called Mighty God, he was speaking of a promised mighty warrior....a champion! A true hero!

Jesus came to save a fallen world of sinful people.

Do you recognize the desperate need of the people? The desperate need that you and I have?

I don't know about you but my life is FULL of problems. Every time I get one taken care of, 2 more get added to the bottom of the list...and lots of them are caused or created by ME!

So of all of these problems we have, do we want our spiritual condition, our eternal security to be one of them? There is a Savior, His name is Jesus, and He is mighty. Mighty to save.

**Zephaniah 3:17 (NKJV)**

The Lord your God in your midst,  
The Mighty One, will save;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
He will quiet you with His love,  
He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Do you know the weight of His might?

*Each time I sing the song, God brings to mind new implications of this verse. And each time, I get a little lump in my throat as I consider that by His might, God saved me. It's hard to fathom why a God who is able to move mountains would choose to focus His strength on redeeming the very souls who have so deeply offended Him. But this is the gospel. Though we have done nothing to merit His favor, God, full of mercy and grace, sent His only son, Jesus, to pay the debt we could never pay. He is truly mighty to save.  
— Laura Story*

Just consider the fact that Jesus came on that first Christmas day, not for us to have cute manger scenes in our yards. Not so we have Christmas songs, lights, trees, or presents. He came because He is mighty and there was a job to do, one that no one else could ever complete.

He had a battle to engage in.....the battle of your soul. He came to seek and save that which was lost....the hearts of mankind.

Not only did He come to fight but He WON!

**1 Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV)**

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The victory is yours if you accept Jesus as Lord and Savior today!

But do you know that Jesus wasn't just mighty on Easter weekend when He died on that cross and then rose from the dead defeating satan and death?

Do you know that He is not like an earthly champion. Earthly champions will fall. At some point they are an afterthought. They eventually lose. Or they grow old and retire. But either way, another champion arises and is seen as mighty, the most powerful.

But Jesus didn't gain His might because another lost it. He's not like an earthly champion. It's not as if He wasn't the champion and defeated satan and took his might and power as in taking satan's place.

It's more like satan was this challenger that showed up running his mouth.....and the Champ came to town to remind satan who has the power. Jesus didn't GAIN His might. He IS Mighty God. It's Who He is not a just a victory He won.

He is eternally the Champion! Always has been and always will be.

**Psalm 24:8 (NKJV)**

Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
The Lord mighty in battle.

Do you know that He battles for you?

If God is for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)

Do you know that He battles with you?

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:11)

Do you know that His might is displayed through you?

**2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (NKJV)**

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

His victory is not just something we should speak of...it's something that should be manifested in our body! In our lives!

How is it that we believe that Jesus rose from the dead but we don't believe our marriage can?

How is it that we believe that Jesus has the power to create the world but we don't believe He can heal our sickness, or mend a broken heart?

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3)

Why do we believe Jesus can do ALL things, nothing is impossible with God, yet we fail to step out in faith and ask for what we need?

Why is it that we can acknowledge that Jesus has done the impossible, He has done what no one else can do. He defeated death. He paid the price for our sin and offers us new life if we will live for him.....why is it that some refuse to accept this amazing gift.....and others accept it and then think that's all there is to Jesus?

He is Savior.....but He is so much more. He is Mighty God!

For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. (Luke 1:49)