

for to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 esv

The idea isn't that these will be the literal names of the Messiah. Instead, these are aspects of His <u>CHARACTER</u>, they describe who He is and what He has come to <u>DO</u>.

I. HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED SVERLASTING FATHER

Isaiah isn't teaching us that God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, is the SAME person as God the Father. It's not the Messiah's role within the Godhead, but the Messiah's CHARACTER toward us that Isaiah has in mind.

² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

PSALMS 90:2 NIV

⁸ But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Isaiah 64:8 esv

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:6-11 NIV

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

John 14:6-11 NIV

10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves." JOHN 14:6-11 NIV

PROVIDER

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

MATTHEW 7:11 ESV

PROTECTOR

27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

JOHN 10:27-30 ESV

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

JOHN 10:27-30 ESV

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

ROMANS 8:31 NLT

EACHER

⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,

HEBREWS 12:5-8 NLT

"My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

Hebrews 12:5-8 NLT

⁷ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? 8 If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

Hebrews 12:5-8 NLT

10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. "No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Hebrews 12:10-11 NLT

GVER-PRESENT

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

PSALMS 46:1-2 NIV

COMPASSIONATE

18 The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

PSALMS 103:13 NLT

III. WHY DOES ISAIAH REFER TO THE MESSIAH AS EVERLASTING FATHER?

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WE NEED TO BE RESTORED TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

- ⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.
- 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt

 GALATIANS 4:4-7 NLT

us as his very own children. 6 And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." 7 Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. GALATIANS 4:4-7 NLT

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WE NEED TO ACCEPT HIS FATHERLY CARE

Put to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

JOHN 1:12-13 NLT