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He Is Able!

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Our thoughts and hungry hearts search and yearn for peace and joy but we still live in a day filled with confusion and madness. We thirst for knowledge and are overwhelmed by the sheer volume we find. Never has an age been more complicated and confused. We don't know what to believe or who to believe any longer. Many leaders of the world feel helpless at the rapidly



changing political and economic circumstances. We feel powerless at bringing about changes in an increasingly complex society. There is no sense of real security in our world. Fewer people believe in the justice system. Terrorism, crime, political intrigue, and lack of integrity threaten our individual security.

We have listened to thirty second commercials so long that we are restless if someone wants to speak to us more than a couple of minutes. We run to another job, a second home, another hobby, or another spouse. We can't stop and enjoy the moment. We get instant boredom because we are restless at the core of our personality. We worship idolatrous images of materialism and give ourselves over to any "deities" that will make us feel good and give in to our desires and wants. In all of this worldly turmoil God has revealed Himself with many powerful signs and testimonies and still many do not believe. Martin Luther once remarked that the Incarnation consists of three miracles: "The first, that God became man; the second, that a virgin was a mother; and the third, that the heart of man should believe this."

The physician Luke, after conducting his research, quoted Mary when he wrote: "The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:30-35).

Only in Jesus Christ could that great prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

The prophet Isaiah, in the Old Testament, describes for us the character of the Christ, the "Anointed One".

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR -- Literally He is "wonder of a counsellor." He gives comfort and strength throughout time and eternity. The Messiah is Himself a "Wonder." The word refers to what God has done, not man. He is God Himself. This Child born unto us is a Wonder. He rules with unfailing depth of wisdom. He will not need counsellors or a cabinet; He is Himself Counsellor. Do we need wisdom in this hour of need? Here is the counsellor worthy of the name. He doesn't burnout. He is always on call. He is infinite wisdom. He is worthy of our loyalty because His counsel goes beyond the human limitations. Jesus issues an invitation to all who are in need of a wonderful counsellor to come to Him. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

MIGHTY GOD -- He is full omnipotence. Literally, He is, the "God-hero." He is the Mighty God. The Messiah is all-powerful, living, true God, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. Christ is the Mighty. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). The Messiah is God Himself and He is able to save all who trust in Him. He has nothing less than the full omnipotence of God at His command. What He devised He is able to achieve.

ETERNAL FATHER -- He is everlastingly a Father. He is loving, paternal, concerned, tender, faithful, wise, guardian, provider and protector. Ps. 103:13, "Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."

For those who might be struggling for a positive father image here is one who is worthy of the name. We can have perfect security in an intimate love relationship with our Eternal Father. The Apostle Paul admonishes us in Romans 8:15-18 with these words: "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him." Here is a father worthy of the name who will never leave us nor forsake us.

PRINCE OF PEACE -- He rules over His people with peace. The peace He gives is eternal. He is the embodiment of peace; therefore, He rules over His redeemed people as a Prince bringing peace. In a post resurrection appearance Jesus said to His disciples, "My peace, I give you." The result of His coming into our hearts by faith is perfect peace. He gives us His indescribable peace the very moment we put our trust in Him.

Are we looking for someone who will clear up our confusion and give us wisdom? Have we lost the Wonder of Christ? Do we feel like we are going through desolate times of spiritual poverty? We have a Wonder-Counsellor. Get into His Word; listen to the wonder of His counsel.

When we believe in Jesus Christ, we are trusting in the Mighty God. Do we feel helpless in a confused and angry world? Are we carrying a heavy burden which is too heavy for us alone to carry? The Mighty God is our strength. There is nothing, which He cannot carry out. He is able to save all who trust in Him. When we believe in Jesus Christ, we have an Eternal Father. Do we feel orphaned? Do we feel like no one cares? Do we feel insecure? We have someone who always loves, is concerned and committed to what is best for us. One Father will never leave us or forsake us. He gives us eternal security.

When we trust in Jesus Christ, we have the Prince of Peace as our ruler. Are we anxious and restless? Do we need a shepherd for troubled days? There is only ONE who can give us deep and lasting inner peace.

Blessed be our Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Eternal Father and Mighty God!