

# "Everlasting Father" Prince of Peace #3 Isaiah 9 December 17th, 2023

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■ Isaiah 7-12 "the Book of Immanuel."

## **'Everlasting Father'** = Abi-`ad (Hebrew)

- "Abi" = "Father."
- 'ad = everlasting, eternal, or "<u>unceasing</u> in duration".
- He had no <u>beginning</u>. He has no end.

#### 1) DO YOU NEED <u>SOMEONE</u> SOLID TO HOLD ON TO?

- <u>Everlasting Father</u> 'unceasing in duration".
- People living in shaky times, want <u>Something</u> they can <u>cling</u> to.
- People in shaky times want <u>Someone</u> they can <u>depend</u> on.
  - \* So, God promised them both in His Son.
- "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" John 8:58
- "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will <u>never leave</u> you or <u>forsake</u> you" Deuteronomy 31:6

## QUESTION: Aren't we all God's children?

- Matthew 11:27
- We only know God as <u>Father</u> through Jesus Christ, his one-of-a-kind Son.

#### 2) DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO EMULATE?

Eph 5:1; "Do as God would do... Live with love as Christ loved you.

#### 3) DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SHOW YOU MERCY?

- The Everlasting Father will.
- Eph. 2:4: "But God had so much <u>loving-kindness</u>. He loved us with such a <u>great love</u>.
- Luke 13:34 & John 11:32

#### 4) DO YOU NEED SOMEOME TO SAY, 'I GOT YOU!'?

• The 'EVERLASTING <u>FATHER'</u> will!



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