

The Names of Christmas

Everlasting Father
Message 3

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► Outline

... *And He will be called: ... Everlasting Father...* **Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)**

A. Introduction

(Isaiah 9:2,6-7. C/R: 2 Samuel 7:16)

B. Our Everlasting Father...

1. _____ from harm.
(Matthew 2:12-15. C/R: Psalm 34:7; 2 Timothy 4:18;
Hebrews 13:6)

2. _____ for needs.
(Matthew 1:18-25; 6:31-33; 7:11; 14:13-21)

3. Presents _____.
(Matthew 1:22-23; Luke 1:26-49; Ephesians 5:1-2;
1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

Answers: 1. Protects 2. Provides 3. encouragement

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What's one characteristic you received from your parents you want to keep and one you wish you could change?

Introduction to this Week's Lesson

Each week during this series, we'll focus on one of the four names given to the Messiah as listed in [Isaiah 9:6](#). This week we'll consider the title *Everlasting Father*.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Isaiah 9:1-7](#).

1. In this passage, the Messiah is called *Everlasting Father*. The idea is that Jesus' relationship with us is like that of a Father—one who protects, provides and cares for His children. What promises of protection, provision and care for the Israelites do you see in [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)?
2. How are these specific promises fulfilled in Jesus in [Luke 1:26-38](#)?
3. How does the fulfillment of these promises apply to your life?
4. How do you see God as a father in the following passages?
 - a) [Psalm 34:4-7](#)
 - b) [Psalm 103:13](#)
 - c) [2 Timothy 4:18](#)
 - d) [Hebrews 13:6](#)
 - e) [Matthew 6:31-33](#)

5. Consider your responses to question 3. In what ways have you experienced these things?
6. How would you describe your earthly father?
7. How has your earthly father either helped or hindered your view of God?
8. In what ways do you need God to father you right now?
9. Pause quietly for a few minutes and ask God what He wants to say to you.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Make a list of ways God has fathered you. How has He provided? When have you experienced His care? Then spend time thanking Him for these things.

Memory Verse

*The LORD is like a father to His children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear Him.* [Psalm 103:13 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Psalm 34:4-7](#) Day 4: [Hebrews 13:6](#)
Day 2: [Psalm 103:13](#) Day 5: [Matthew 6:31-33](#)
Day 3: [2 Timothy 4:18](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 19, we'll continue our series *The Names of Christmas*. To prepare read [Isaiah 9:1-7](#) and [Philippians 4:4-9](#).



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