

Mighty God

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

—*Isaiah 9:2-7*

Deuteronomy 10:17

Joshua 22:22

Psalms 24:8

Psalms 50:1

Psalms 89:8

Luke 1:17

Luke 1:32-33

Luke 2:11

John 8:56-59

John 10:30-33

John 18:4-6

2 Peter 3:3-13

Titus 2:13

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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. In what ways has God displayed His might in your life? When have you asked Him to show His might only to be disappointed?
2. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. How has this prophecy been fulfilled? What elements of the promise have not yet been fulfilled? Why do you think Jesus did not fulfill the entire prophecy in His first coming?
3. Read John 8:56-59 and John 10:30-33. Did Jesus claim to be God? What evidence is there that He was God? What evidence is there that He was not God?
4. Read 2 Peter 3:3-13. How does this passage help you persevere in faith as you wait for all of God's promises to be fulfilled?
5. What is advent (the four weeks before Christmas) typically like for you? How can you slow down and prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ's coming?