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⁶ 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.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Introduction: Well, we continue our study in this wonderful passage of Scripture that gives titles and names to the coming Messiah, specifically, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jody began this series in Isaiah, chapter 7 by showing how God gifts us with trust, (trusting in Him), and how God delivers us, and how he gifts us with his presence, Immanuel (God with us).

Then last week, Jason showed us how Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who sheds light into a dark and broken world and brings the gospel as the solution to our greatest problem. And now I have been assigned the task of discussing the title Mighty God.

God is called "Almighty" over seventy times in Scripture.

In Gen 18:14 – God asks Abraham - **Is anything too hard for the Lord?**

In Numbers 11:22 – God asks Moses - **Is the Lord's hand shortened?**



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Answer - No, nothing is too hard for the Lord and the Lord's hand is not waxed short. He can do all things, and he does whatever he pleases, and he has a strong and mighty arm to do it!

Now, I want to talk to you about the power of God that is displayed in three primary areas: the works of creation, governance, and redemption. We'll cover the first two briefly and then spend most of our time talking about God's power in redemption and specifically how Jesus fulfills this verse in Isaiah 9 and then how we can then apply these great truths.

1. The Power of God displayed in creation.

Gen 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

God simply said, "Let there be" and there was. The power of God was displayed in Him simply speaking the universe into existence! As the theologians call it, ex nihilo, meaning "out of nothing."

God spoke everything into existence with the greatest ease, it was easy for him, and it was by a simple act of his will.

After the initial creation of the heavens and the earth, God continues his power of creation.

We witness the power of God when He creates storms such as tornadoes and hurricanes. **Have you ever heard the roar of a large tornado? Or seen the pictures and videos that the C-130 hurricane hunters take of Category 4 or 5 hurricanes?**

These are small doses of God's infinite power which are like a drop of water in comparison to the vast ocean. There is infinitely more power in God's nature that we don't see in the created world!

God's power is shown in the creation of man in **Psalm 139:13-15 –**



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“¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.”

Think about how God creates our bodies...from our lungs, to our heart, to our brain, to the power of blood flow in our veins and arteries - **did you know that your veins are the length of some 50,000 to 100,000 miles long?!!!!**

That's twice the distance around the earth!

Think on a micro level now, think about God's power seen in the perfections of the little body of an insect such as an ant, spider, or butterfly or even smaller; bacteria and viruses that live in our bodies.

This is the amazing power of God in creation!

2. The Power of God displayed in his governing and preserving his creation.

All living things would perish if God removed his sustaining and preserving power. **Acts 17:28 – “In him we live and move and have our being.”**

God not only creates our bodies but think about how many functions he keeps going within us, from the digestive system to our lungs to our heart beating. All this is God's power in governing and preserving his creatures.

God's power sustains the stars in the universe. God sustains and governs these massive balls of energy!



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God also displays his power by restraining Satan and his demons.

Luke 11:21-22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.”

That is God’s power over Satan.

God also orders the hearts of men to his own ends.

Proverbs 21:1 – “The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”

God’s preserving power is seen also in the preservation of his church.

Matthew 16:18 – “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Do I hear an Amen for that?

3. The Power of God displayed in Redemption.

The way of redemption was planned by an Infinite Wisdom and so it was accomplished by an Infinite Power.

1. The power of God was displayed in the incarnation.

Turn to **Luke, chapter 1**. There are several things I want to point out in this passage. Starting in **verse 26**:

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you. Drop down to verse 31.



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³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

Miraculous power was involved in the conception of Christ. The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and by a creative act framed the humanity of Christ and united it to Divinity. Interestingly, the same phrase appears in Gen. 1:2 “The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters.”

God bypasses the normal means of conception and implants the body and soul of Christ in his human nature, free from the corruption of original sin. **John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”**

Think about the distance between Deity and humanity, between the creator and a creature. The distance is infinite!

Stephen Charnock wrote - “A God of unmixed blessedness is linked personally with a man of sorrows. Omniscience linked with ignorance, immutability with changeableness, incomprehensibility with comprehensibility.”

Notice some of the key words in this passage. Jesus will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Son of God. He will have a throne and will reign forever.

Then Mary praises the Lord in the Magnificat in verses 46-55 of Luke 1. Notice some of the words here. **Verse 49: For he who is mighty has done great things for me. Verses 51-52: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.”**

2. The one who took on flesh was also the one who created all things:



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John 1:1-3 – “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”

This goes right back to Genesis 1:1. And Colossians 1 echoes this as well.

Col 1:16 says - “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”

Jesus not only showed divine power in creating the universe, but he also holds everything together and sustains it.

Heb 1:3 - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

But the same person who had the power to create the world will also have the power to destroy the world.

In verse 8 of Hebrews 1 it says, “**But of the Son he says,**” meaning what is about to be said is said of the Son:

Hebrews 1:10-12 –

“¹⁰You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,

¹²like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

John MacArthur once commented that “if you think what we’re doing to the planet is bad, wait until you see what Jesus does with it! He is going to burn it up, so step on the grass, shoot a door, and drill for oil.”

3. We see the power of Jesus displayed in his temptation.



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At the beginning of his ministry, Christ displayed His power in his temptation with the devil in the wilderness. And He overcomes Satan’s temptations by quoting Scripture.

Where Adam and Eve, who had everything they needed, failed, Christ, who had been fasting for forty days and nights, succeeded! That is power!

Right after the temptation it says in [Luke 4:14](#) –

“And Jesus returned in the **power** of the Spirit to Galilee.”

4. We see the power of Jesus displayed in his miracles.

Jesus cast out malicious and powerful demons from people. People had no power over demons, but Jesus cast them out simply by a word.

[Luke 4:36](#) - And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and **power** he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

Jesus healed people of their diseases and infirmities by his bare word.

[Luke 5:17](#) - On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the **power** of the Lord was with him to heal.

Or when someone touched him!

[Mark 5:30](#) - And Jesus, perceiving in himself that **power** had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?”

Sight was restored to the blind, hearing was given to the deaf, crippled persons were able to walk, and leprosy was cured. That is divine power!

Peter in [Acts 2:22](#) said- “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with **mighty works and wonders and signs** that God did through him in your midst.”



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You would think that everyone would believe in Him after seeing his mighty works right? Not so. Amazingly, many refused to believe.

Christ pronounced condemnation on those who refused to believe in Him after his display of miracles.

Matthew 11:20-21 - Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his **mighty** works had been done, because they did not repent. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the **mighty** works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

5. Resurrection power is ascribed to Jesus –

Romans 1:4 says that Jesus “was declared to be the Son of God in **power** according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

So, Jesus had the power to raise himself from the dead and he also has the power to raise us up as well.

Do you ever wonder how Jesus will resurrect bodies that have been completely destroyed or cremated? - Jesus can put all the molecules back together perfectly by a spoken Word.

John 5:25-29 - ²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

Raising the dust of our bodies will manifest the glory of his power as much as creation; and he will do this in the “twinkling of an eye” (1 Cor. 15:22).



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It is a great comfort to know that Jesus will raise us one day with a new spiritual, everlasting body.

1 Cor 15:43 - It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in **power**.

It is Christ's power that will take us to heaven one day give us a new body and keep us in that blessed resurrected condition forever!

6. Christ has the power to change hearts –

Romans 3 paints a dismal picture of mankind – listen to some of these descriptions – starting in verse 10 –

“¹⁰ None is righteous, no, not one;

**¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.**

**¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”**

**¹³ “Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”**

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Illustration of a church that had a depravity level on the nursery sign in sheet.

There is greater distance between sin and righteousness, corruption and grace, than between nothing and being and so the greater the distance is, the more power is required.



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Listen – It takes more power to turn the tide of the heart than to turn the tide of the sea!

Jeremiah 13:23 says:

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin
or the leopard his spots?
Neither can you do good
who are accustomed to doing evil.”

Every person has a hardness of heart, a stiff neck, an unwillingness to good, a bent to evil; Jesus’ infinite power conquers this hardness and demolishes these strongholds. Listen to [John 8:34-36](#)

“³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Scripture teaches us that even faith and repentance are gifts of God to us. God has to grant us faith and repentance.

Before my conversion, I hated people and basically lived life for myself. But when Christ changed my heart, all that stopped.

I began to love people and I wanted to live for the Lord. I’m sure many of you have similar stories on how Christ has changed your life. That is the power of our Lord Jesus!

When Jesus changes us we go from our own selfish desires to desiring what God wants.

We go from hating God and loving sin to loving God and hating sin. We go from under the control of Satan to under the control of the Holy Spirit.

And how Jesus changes the heart is also amazing. Jesus compels the will without doing violence to it, not forcing it, but changing it, not dragging it, but drawing it.



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7. The power of Jesus is also displayed in preserving grace –

Jesus saves us and keeps us saved!

John 6:37-39 – ³⁷ “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day.”

Praise God for that Amen? I mean if it was up to us, we would all fall away.

8. The power of Christ was given to the apostles and then to the church.

Divine power appeared in the those called to preach the gospel.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

These were people who were not noble or dignified. They possessed nothing but their nets. They had no reputation in the world. They were unfit to subdue the world by preaching.

However, with the power of God, Acts 4:13 says ¹³ “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.”

That is the power that of Jesus. Throughout church history, believers were given the power of Jesus to not only proclaim the gospel, but were given the power and strength to suffer for him.

Think about all the Christian martyrs through the ages and the power that was given to them to suffer unimaginable pain. Read Foxe’s book of martyrs and you will see the power of Christ on display in these people’s lives.

9. The power of Jesus is displayed in his eternal judgment of sinners in hell



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There are 2 of God’s attributes that will be displayed in full in hell – his wrath and his power! –

Romans 9:22 - What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his **power**, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 – “When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.”

God can arm the weakest creature for a sinner’s destruction. Example: Herod being eaten by worms!

Though people resist the order of his laws, they cannot resist the sentence of their punishment or the execution of it.

Job 10:7 says “There is none that can deliver when he tears in pieces.”

The damned in hell, that are cast out of God’s mercy, are forever sustained in those torments by the power of God.

10. What about believers? - The power of Jesus for believers –

Eph 1:19 - What is the immeasurable greatness of his **power** toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.”

Jesus gives us the power to live the Christian life!

Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

And he gives us the power to endure trials.



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I'm sure many of you have had incredibly difficult circumstances in your life where you may have gone through severe trials or maybe you're currently going through a severe trial.

This season alone has its own set of trials doesn't it? Whether its stress or loneliness or grieving the loss of loved ones or relationship issues.

Jesus has the power to come alongside you and help you in your time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16 – **"¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**

The power of Jesus is shown in our weakness and he uses that weakness to make us more like Himself. That is where the power is – molding us into the image of Jesus!

2 Cor 12:9-10 – **"⁹ My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."**

ILLUSTRATION – My own story of physical pain. I have had 3 major back surgeries, I was unable to work for over a year, and was almost to the point of being bed ridden for several months. Talk about numerous dark nights of the soul!

But knowing that Jesus was with me (**Emmanuel right?** "God with us") and that his grace was sufficient for me and that his power is made perfect in my weakness brought comfort.

Does it not bring joy to the heart to know that we find ourselves folded in the arms of Omnipotence, God Almighty?



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God also comforts us through the love of family, friends, and our church family
Amen?

APPLICATION –

As believers in Christ, meditate on the power of Jesus that is displayed in Scripture and in our lives and the power that we'll see one day.

Jesus said in **Matthew 26:64** - "I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of **Power** and coming on the clouds of heaven."

The right hand of Power is the right hand of God!

And if you have never placed faith in Christ, hear his exhortation from **Mark 1:15**:

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Repent of your sins and put your trust in Jesus alone and the Mighty One will forgive you and save you by His great power!

OUR FINAL RESPONSE -

Worship! As we meditate on Jesus' power in creation, and governing his creation, and in redemption, it should fan the flames of our heart with a sense wonder, love and praise.

What does the end of the Lord's prayer say? – **"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever amen."**

Jesus is the Mighty God that Isaiah wrote about and he perfectly fulfills that prophecy.

And so, may we live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called by his grace and share the saving, powerful message of the gospel with others.
Amen.