

INTRODUCTION

- * The 1st Sunday of Advent begins a time of focused reflection upon incarnation of Jesus the Christ (YHWH in the flesh) who came in order to be the payment of our sins. He did this in order that we might be reconciled to God and have peace with God. This was important in order that we might be able to live with God for all of eternity – eternal life does not begin after you die, but when you are reconciled to God!
- * The incarnation of YHWH Himself was not something that was kept secret. Rather, YHWH gave many indicators of this as we have seen as we studied the book of Zechariah.
- * Today, we will begin considering the how YHWH revealed His incarnation through the prophecies regarding the name of “a child,” “a son” who was to be born.
- * What’s In A Name?
 - 1) The Importance of __ Name...specifically in Jewish thought was reflect the individual’s position, personality, or potentiality (prophetically speaking).
 - 2) The Importance of _____ Name ... YHWH’s name is intricately interwoven with His glory. We will expound upon this further throughout this series, and specifically, at the end of the series. However, for now consider these statements of YHWH spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
 - * Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.
 - * Isaiah 48:11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another.
 - 3) The Importance of _____ Names ... four doublets which each refer to YHWH Himself.

INSTRUCTION

I. WONDERFUL COUNSELOR ... פֶּלֵא יוֹעֵץ (Pelé Yo-eets) ... the giver of wonderful counsel

A. Observations – the Usage of the Words

1. TOGETHER (cf. Isaiah 28:29; Isaiah 25:1)
2. INDIVIDUALLY
 - a. Wonderful (Exod 15:11; Psalms 77:11-14; 78:10-12; 88:10-12; 89:5; 119:129; Isaiah 9:6; 25:1; 28:29; 29:13-14; Lam 1:8-9; Dan 12:6
 - b. Counselor (Psalm 33:10-11; Isaiah 14:24-27; Isaiah 40:13-15)

B. Applications

1. S _____
2. S _____ (cf. Isaiah 9:1-2; Isaiah 42:5-6; Romans 1:16; Romans 11:28-36)
3. S _____ (cf. Isaiah 55:8-9; Ephesians 3:20-21; Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:37)

II. MIGHTY GOD (12/8)

III. EVERLASTING FATHER (12/15)

IV. PRINCE OF PEACE (12/22)

V. IMMANUEL (12/24)

VI. YHWH (12/29)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
- * DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT HE IS THE WONDERFUL COUNSELOR?
- * TO WHOM DO YOU TURN FOR WISDOM, GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?
- * AS WE HEAD INTO COMMUNION WE CONSIDER THE WONDERFUL COUNSEL OF GOD IN OUR REDEMPTION!
(Acts 2:22-24; 4:24-28; 20:27-28)

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How should Jesus being the Wonderful Counselor affect our decision-making? (As individuals and as a church)