

GOD MAGNIFIES HIS WORD ABOVE HIS NAME

I will start today out by asking what is in a name and what is in a word? We would respond that it would depend upon whose name and whose word. The Bible is the greatest piece of literature ever published upon the face of this earth. It describes the greatest names ever given among men and the greatest words ever spoken. Those words are the words of eternal life that are personified in the glorious person of the Lord Jesus Christ who is God manifest in the flesh. He is the KING OF KINGS, AND THE LORD OF LORDS. It has been said that the Lord Jesus Christ walks through every page of the Bible. That is a whole lot more true than most Christians realize and that includes most of their pastors, preachers, and teachers. This may come as shock to many here today, but there is a whole lot more revealed about the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament than there is in the New Testament. A parallel to that is that there is a whole lot more revealed in the New Testament about God as the Father than is revealed in the Old Testament about God as the Father. That being said, I think we can say that one of the primary goals of the Lord Jesus Christ being manifest in the flesh was to reveal God the Father to mankind in a way that he is not presented in the Old Testament. Proof of those statements is borne out in the fact that God the Father (capitalized) is called out 272 times in 242 verses in the New Testament. Contrast that with the fact that God is revealed as the Father only 14 times in the Old Testament (I may have missed some!). So, what is in a name?? If you are talking about God, everything is in a name! God is very Jealous for his name. *Exodus 34:14* states:

¹⁴ For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God: *Exodus 34:14*

The name God uses to state that his name is Jealous is the word “Jehovah” (LORD in all capital letters). It occurs 6,580 times in the King James Bible. His name is Jehovah; NOT Yahweh. Yahweh is a pagan perversion of that Holy name Jehovah. Yahweh was created by unbelieving, corrupt, faux Bible scholars. There are many phrases that are used to describe the name of God in the Bible. Those phrases include: “thy name” (112 times), “a name” (7 times), “the name” (144 times), “my name” (117 times), “his name” (89 times), and “other name” (once). That totals 470 times. That proves that God puts a tremendous amount of emphasis on his name. Bear with me. I am going somewhere. *Psalms 111:9* says:

⁹ He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name. *Psalms 111:9*

His name is holy and reverend. *Isaiah 57:15* says:

¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah 57:15*

The high and lofty One’s name is Holy. As preachers like to say, God is a thrice Holy God; once for

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the Father, once for the Son, and once for the Holy Ghost. This Holy Trinity is pictured in *Isaiah 6:3* and *Revelation 4:8*:

³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory. *Isaiah 6:3*

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

In speaking of the Son of God *Proverbs 30:4* states this:

⁴ Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell? *Proverbs 30:4*

Who is his SON?!? His SON is the Lord Jesus Christ. His son is connected to THAT NAME: more on that in a few moments. *Isaiah 7:14* states:

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

THAT NAME is Immanuel (Emmanuel) “which being interpreted is, God with us” (*Matthew 1:23*). He is God with us in both the physical and spiritual sense as described by the Holy Ghost in *1 Timothy 3:16*:

¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. *1 Timothy 3:16*

The Lord Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh. *Isaiah 9:6* says this about him:

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

Isaiah 9:6 speaks of the Son as being a Father. *Isaiah 9:6* is the only place in the Old Testament where the word “*Father*” is capitalized. That includes 1,247 occurrences.¹ There is great power in

¹See further explanation in Appendix 1 On *Isaiah 9:6*

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that name that is above all names. *In Acts 4:12*, it states:

¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. *Acts 4:12*

It is the only name that has saving power. Without it, we would all be in Hell. It is the name at which every knee will bow. *Isaiah 45:21-23*, *Romans 14:11*, and *Philippians 2:9-11* declare:

²¹ Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

²² Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. ²³ I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. *Isaiah 45:21-23*

¹¹ For it is written, *As* I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. *Romans 14:11*

⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹ And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:9-11*

Isaiah 45:21-23 is applied to the Lord Jesus Christ in *Philippians 2:9-11*. Most Christians do not realize how strongly the book of Isaiah connects the Lord Jesus Christ to Jehovah. The name Isaiah means “*Jehovah has saved*” while Jesus means “*Jehovah is salvation*”. It is amazing how many Old Testament descriptions of the LORD (Jehovah) are applied directly to the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The book of Isaiah especially, and the rest of the Old Testament generally, is loaded with those links. One of the most amazing links takes place between *Exodus 3:1-15* and *John 8:58* where the Lord Jesus Christ says that he is the I AM of *Exodus 3*. That means that it was the preincarnate Lord Jesus Christ speaking through the burning bush to Moses. Amazing!! As much as God exalts his name in the Bible, he magnifies his word above all his name. *Psalms 138:2* says this:

² I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. *Psalms 138:2*

Hallelujah! *John 1:1* and *Revelation 19:13* give us one reason why God has magnified his word above all his name. These passages state:

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

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God. *John 1:1*

¹³ And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. *Revelation 19:13*

John 1:14 says that “the Word was made flesh”. When God magnifies his word above his name, he is magnifying the Son of God.

Folks, we have a Holy book that we call the Bible that contains 66 books that were penned by 40 different writers over a period of about 1,600 years. It is a written revealing of THE LIVING WORD. That Bible contains 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. That Bible is the King James Bible. I do not, and will not, use any other Bible translation in my teaching and preaching unless my purpose is to teach against those translations. Neither will I use the non-existent Greek and Hebrew “originals” in an ungodly vain attempt to correct the text of the King James Bible. The Bible that I use is not a matter of preference. It is a matter of Holy Ghost conviction. There are some Bible teachers and preachers that refer so much to the “original Greek” in their preaching and teaching that it sounds like they are stuttering in Greek. God knew that the overwhelming majority of people in the world would never know the vaunted Greek and Hebrew. That is why he moved holy men of God to translate his word into the many languages of the world. However, there are many corrupt translations of the Bible because God neither moved or anointed the apostates, heretics, and unbelievers that sat on their translation committees. The word of God is not fluid. The word of God is a solid rock. The continuous retranslating of the Bible is like running a pot of hot water through the same coffee grounds over and over. I am not one of those who demand that no Greek or Hebrew be used in teaching or preaching. Most references to the Greek or the Hebrew in teaching and preaching are gratuitous exercises in scholarolatry. If a man quite frequently refers to the Greek or Hebrew in his teaching or preaching, he is destroying the students and/or congregants faith in their Bibles. It leaves them with the impression that their King James English Bible is not good enough. I apply *Titus 1:15-16* to anyone who is, has been, or would aspire to be a Bible translator. It strongly states:

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. ¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. *Titus 1:15-16*

Bible translation is a good work and *Titus 1:15-16* says that the impure and unbelieving are reprobates concerning good works. Where does Bible translation take place? It takes place in a mind that should be enlightened by the Holy Ghost. That is not possible for an unsaved man or woman. *Titus 1:15-16* says that the minds and conscience of the impure and unbelieving are defiled. That means that they cannot and should not be allowed to translate any Scripture or material that would be used by Christians. The Apostle Paul warns us of those who would corrupt and handle the word of God deceitfully in *2 Corinthians 2:17* and *2 Corinthians 4:1-2*:

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¹⁷ For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. *2 Corinthians 2:17*

¹ Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
² But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. *2 Corinthians 4:1-2*

Bible translation is not the purview of unsaved, Bible correcting intellectuals. Bible translation is a faith and holiness based exercise in humility because you realize and understand whose word you are translating. Intellectual pride and scholarolatry is an abomination to God. Scholarolatry puts men and women worshipping at the base of the tree of knowledge of good and evil with Satan handing out the poisonous and corrupt fruit. Satan's familiar refrain is: "Yea hath God said". Lets apply the precepts of *Titus 1:15-16* to Bible translators. Men or women should never be allowed to sit on a Bible translation committee if:

- (1) They are unbelievers.
- (2) They are apostates.
- (3) They are heretics.
- (4) They are antisemitic or anti Israel and/or promote Replacement Theology.
- (5) They are sodomites or into any other sexual perversions such as fornication, adultery, and pornography.
- (6) They are pedophiles.
- (7) They are in any unrepentant or open sin that would bring reproach upon the name of Christ or his church.
- (8) They are into the occult or other non Christian religions.
- (9) They are drunkards or daily consumers of alcohol or they promote the manufacture, sale, or use of alcohol.
- (10) They are illicit drug users or they promote the manufacture, sale, or use of illicit drugs.
- (11) They hold any doctrine that clearly contradicts the Bible.
- (12) They deny the inspiration of the Bible.
- (13) They deny the inerrancy of the Bible.
- (14) They deny a literal 6 day creation.
- (15) They promote or participate in the abortion of babies.
- (16) They deny a literal burning hell.
- (17) They deny the literal bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ or of believers.
- (18) They deny the deity of any member of the Godhead which in effect is a denial of the Trinity.
- (19) And so forth.

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You may ask why such a long list. To which I would respond that it is not as lengthy as it could be. These 19 came off the top of my head and are just some of the actual sins, errors, and heresies held to by many Bible translators that I have uncovered down through my 34 years of studying the issues related to Bible translations.

There are many things that the Bible says about itself. I will start by quoting *2 Timothy 3:16*:

¹⁶ All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: *2 Timothy 3:16*

2 Timothy 3:16 emphatically states that ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration. It does not say that only the “original” Greek and Hebrew scriptures are inspired. If someone says that only the originals are inspired, or vainly try to correct the King James Bible with the “originals”, ask them to show you a copy of the “originals”. There is not an individual on the face of this earth that can show you a copy of the “originals”. We also do not have a copy of the original 1611 King James Bible. It is believed the original of the 1611 King James Bible was destroyed in the Great Fire of London that raged from September 2 through September 6 of 1666. If we had copies of the originals, man’s wont is to turn religious relics into idols just as Israel had done with the brasen serpent of Moses that King Hezekiah called Nehushtan in *2 Kings 18:4*. Hezekiah had it destroyed. The apostle Peter said in *2 Peter 1:16-21*:

¹⁶ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. ¹⁸ And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. ¹⁹ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: ²⁰ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. *2 Peter 1:16-21*

What the apostle Peter just said in the passage just quoted is that the prophecy contained in the Bible is more sure than even the events that took place on the mount of transfiguration (*Matthew 17:1-13*)!! Peter’s statement is akin to the statements of the Lord Jesus Christ in *Luke 16:29-31* and *John 5:45-47*. The message of all three passages is that the word of God is more powerful than the personal appearance of any being. If you will not receive and believe the Scriptures, then you will not believe even if a person arose from the dead and appeared unto you.

Teachers, preachers, individuals, and congregations are not to correct the Bible. The Bible is to be used to correct us. I believe I have a perfect Bible in the King James Bible. Now, that makes some people nervous. That is not to say that King James Bibles have not been printed that have printer’s

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errors in them. There have been many editions of the King James Bible in its 415 year history. There has never ever been a re-translation of the 1611 King James Bible out of the Hebrew, Syriac, Aramaic, and Greek texts. There have been many new printings of the King James text whose purpose was to update spelling, update punctuation, and to correct printer's errors. There have been some wicked and egregious printer's errors that I will not speak to today. However, there does exist a perfect edition of the King James Bible today that is free of all printer's errors. That edition is called the "Pure Cambridge Edition" or the PCE. Many times, you will hear the King James Bible referred to as "The Authorized Version of 1611". The King James Bible is sometimes used for the source to translate the Bible into other languages. God enthroned and anointed the King James Bible for English speaking peoples.

The King James Bible is the crown jewel of all the Bible translations in the world regardless of what language the Greek and Hebrew are translated into. There has been more King James Bibles sold or given away than the rest of the worlds translations put together. Unsavvy language and literature scholars say that the King James Bible is the most beautiful piece of literature ever published in any language. There neither has been nor will there ever be another Bible translation like it. There were initially 54 translators involved in the translation process that were whittled down to 47 because of health issues. There has never been a more qualified group of translators both spiritually and intellectually. They prayed and fasted for 3½ years before they started their translation work. It would take weeks of teaching every day to educate each of you sitting here today on the history of the English Bible. I have studied and written on Bible version issues for 31 years now. It would blow your mind to know some of the historical facts related to Bible translations, Bible translators, and Greek and Hebrew Bible manuscripts. There were 7 major English translations that preceded the publication of the King James Bible in 1611. Those translations were: (1) The Wycliffe Bible of 1305; (2) The Tyndale Bible of 1530-1534; (3) The Coverdale Bible of 1535; (4) The Great Bible of 1540; (5) The Matthews Bible of 1549; (6) The Bishops Bible of 1568; (7) and The Geneva Bible of 1599. There are other partial translations of the scriptures in Old English that would include the Anglo-Saxon Gospels, the Wessex Gospels, the Lindisfarne Gospels, and so forth.

The very first time that the phrase "the words of God" appears in the King James Bible is in Numbers chapter 24 verses 4 and 16. It is no accident that those words appear in the context of a prophetic parable concerning the eventual revealing of the Living Word of God; the Lord Jesus Christ. *Numbers 24:15-17* says:

¹⁵ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: ¹⁶ He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open: ¹⁷ I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. *Numbers 24:15-17*

That Star out of Jacob is the Lord Jesus Christ who is the manifestation of the Word Of God in flesh. *John 1:1-3, John 1:14, and Revelation 19:11-13* describe the Lord Jesus Christ as follows:

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¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. *John 1:1-3*

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. *Revelation 19:11-13*

Those verses tell us that the Lord Jesus Christ is the personification of THE WORD OF GOD. In other words, he is THE LIVING WORD. The apostles John and Paul made some very powerful statements about the WORD being manifest in the flesh and those who would deny it. They had this say in *1 Timothy 3:16*, *1 John 4:1-3*, and *2 John 7*:

¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. *1 Timothy 3:16*

¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. *1 John 4:1-3*

⁷ For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. *2 John 7*

John plainly states that anyone who would deny that the Word was manifest in the flesh is a false prophet who is possessed of the spirit of antichrist. The Bible is a book about THE WORD: both the written WORD and the LIVING WORD. The word of God has a lot to say about itself in its pages. The phrase “thus saith the Lord” or “saith God” occurs at least 861 times in the King James Bible. The phrase “the word(s) of the Lord” appears at least 277 times in the King James Bible. The phrase “the word(s) of God” shows up at least 57 times in the King James Bible.

The preeminent chapter in the word of God about the word of God is *Psalm 119*. *Psalm 119* is the longest chapter in the Bible having 176 verses. These 176 verses are grouped into 22 separate sections consisting of 8 verses each. In Hebrew, the 22 separate sections are identified in succession from the first letter to the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet with each of the 22 letters of the Hebrew

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alphabet. Every verse in each successive section starts with the same Hebrew letter. There are 9 words that dominate the theme of *Psalm 119*. These words are way, testimonies, precepts, commandments, word, law, judgment, righteousness (right), and statute. *Psalm 119* uses the phrases “thy word(s)” 39 times, “thy statutes” 22 times, “thy law” 23 times, “thy precepts” 21 times, “thy commandments” 21 times, “thy testimony(ies)” 23 times, “thy judgments” 13 times, “the way” 7 times, and “false way” twice. Some oft repeated verses are quoted below:

⁹BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. *Psalm 119:9*

¹¹Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. *Psalm 119:11*

¹⁸Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. *Psalm 119:18*

⁸⁹LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. *Psalm 119:89*

¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. *Psalm 119:104-105*

¹²⁷Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. ¹²⁸ Therefore I esteem all *thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and* I hate every false way. *Psalm 119:127-128*

¹³⁰The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. *Psalm 119:130*

¹³⁶Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law. *Psalm 119:136*

¹⁶¹SCHIN. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. *Psalm 119:161*

¹⁶⁵Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. *Psalm 119:165*

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APPENDIX 1 ON ISAIAH 9:6

Let us read *Isaiah 9:6* in its context:

² The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. ³ Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. ⁵ For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire. ⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Isaiah 9:6 says that the Lord Jesus Christ is the everlasting Father. That is tough for some to receive. Many translations use the word eternal. That is a huge translating error that changes the meaning of the text. If I use the word “eternal” it makes the translation apply to God the Father who is the eternal Father. The King James, as do others, uses the word everlasting. There is a huge difference! Note the use of the term “EVERLASTING” to describe the Father of *Isaiah 9:6*. It does not say from everlasting. It does not say to everlasting. It does not say eternal. Eternal means having no beginning and no end. Everlasting means having a beginning with no end. What that means is that the “everlasting Father” of *Isaiah 9:6* had a point in time when he came into existence. That point was at the incarnation. At the incarnation, the Lord Jesus Christ became the everlasting God-Man: God manifest in the flesh; the one in whom all the fulness of the Godhead dwelt bodily (*Colossians 2:9*). “The everlasting Father” of *Isaiah 9:6* had a beginning with no end. That can only apply to one being and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. That does not detract from the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Lord Jesus Christ did not become the Son of God at the incarnation. The Lord Jesus Christ became the one and only everlasting God-Man at the incarnation. At this very moment, the God-Man sits at the right hand of God the Father with those nail pierced wounds in *Revelation 1:7* (*John 19:36-37*) awaiting his appearance before those who pierced him. The Lord Jesus Christ has always been the Son of God. *Romans 1:20* says God exists in “his eternal power and Godhead”. The Godhead is the theological Trinity. That means that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are eternal. The God-Man is everlasting. In the case of *Isaiah 9:6* the God-Man is the everlasting Father. It is yet another proof of the complexity of the Godhead: one of those truths that are hard to be understood.