

"The Mighty God" Pt 3

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Isaiah 9:6 *"Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

As Wonderful He Brings Color To The Dullness Of Life.

As Counselor He Brings Clarity To The Decisions Of Life.

As Mighty God He Brings Comfort For The Demands Of Life! How is He Mighty?

- He Is "Mighty" To Save Us. (Ro. 1:16; Heb. 7:25)
- He Is "Mighty" To Support Us. (Jude 24; Isaiah 41:10)
- He Is "Mighty" To Secure Us. (2 Tim 1:12)
- He Is "Mighty" To Strengthen Us. (Col. 1:11; 2 Cor 9:8; 2 Cor 12:7-10)

He Is "Mighty" To Stretch Us.

1. What does God "Stretch"? Our Soul (Psyche) consisting of:

A. Our Mind: Eph 3:20 *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, (noeo: understand) according to the power that worketh in us"*

- 1) Jesus actions defied human reason and experience. Mt 14:22-25
- 2) 13 x God uses the word "amazed" in reflecting people's response to Jesus. Lk 9:43

B. Our emotions. Mt 14:26,27 *"they were troubled, ...and they cried out for fear."*

- 1) Our thoughts affect our emotions, and vice versa. Pr 23:7 *"as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"*

C. Our Will!

- 1) Our actions affect our thoughts/emotions. Mt 14:28-29 (see Phil. 2:13; 4:6,7)

God stretches our Soul in order to stretch (grow) our FAITH! 1 Jn 5:4

Mt 14:30-31 *"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, Lord, save me. Immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, (Oligopistos: puny persuasion) wherefore didst thou doubt?"*

2. Why does God stretch our soul?

A. To Humble us. 1 Pt 5:5,6 *"God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."*
(see also James 4:6,7)

- 1) Pride puts a target on our backs!

a) Remember Jesus' warning to Peter in Lk 22? 31 "Satan hath desired (Exaiteō: demanded) to have thee that he may sift thee as wheat"

b) What right did Satan have to make such a "demand" of God? Lk 22:24-33; Mt 26:33

2) Peter learned and shared this lesson with us. (1 Peter 5:5-9)

B. To teach us to Trust God.

1) We're used to trusting ourselves. Mt 11:28-30 *"learn of me ... rest for your souls"*
2 Ptr 3:18 *"Grow in Grace and in the knowledge (from ginosko: perception, understanding) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"*

2) Repentance involves a “stretching” of our minds / Soul! Mt 4:17; Luke 13:3

Real Repentance (metanoeo) involves our:

a) Mind: “to think differently or afterwards, i.e. to reconsider”

b) Emotions: “to feel compunction {guilt}.”

c) Will (Actions) Mt 3:8 “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.”

James 2:20,26 “Faith without works is _____”

3) Trials teach us to transfer our trust. 2 Cor 3:4-5; 2 Cor 4:7

Remember Gideon? Judges 6-8

C. To Purify (prepare/develop) our Souls. (1 Peter 1:21-22)

Isaiah 48:10,11 “*I have refined thee, but not with silver; I've chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted?*”

Examples of this process:

1) Paul. (2 Cor 1:8-10; 4:7-12) 2) Peter (1 Peter 1:5-8) 3) Job (Job 23:8-16)

“*When God wants to drill a man, thrill a man, And skill a man;*

“*When God wants to mould a man To play the noblest part;*

When He yearns with all His heart To create so great and bold a man

That all the world shall be amazed, Watch His methods, watch His ways!

How He ruthlessly perfects Whom He royally elects!

How He hammers him and hurts him, And with mighty blows converts him

Into trial shapes of clay which Only God understands;

While his tortured heart is crying And he lifts beseeching hands!

How He bends but never breaks, When his good He undertakes;

How He uses whom He chooses, And with every purpose fuses him;

By every act induces him To try His splendor out— God knows what He's about.”

Job 23:10; Isaiah 64:8; Romans 8:18,22,28,29

Conclusion:

God doesn't promise that obedient faith will always result in ease and happiness, but he does promise his Presence, Peace, and Power. Jn 16:32,33 “*ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world*”

(see 1 Jn 4:4; 5:4; Romans 8:28-39)

Application:

Is. 7:14 “*A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*” (Mt 1:23)
“*Which being interpreted is 'God with us!'*”

Christmas reminds us that The “Mighty God” is available to us to:

Save Us! Support Us! Secure Us! Strengthen Us! Stretch Us!

In what ways will you be “available” to Him?

Isaiah 6:8 “*I heard the voice of the Lord, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*”