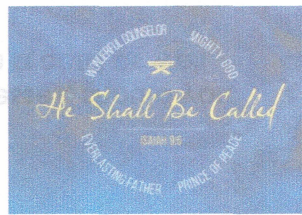


Prince Of Peace
Part 3: Everlasting Father
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Introduction:

- Father Deficit, Father Absence, Father Hunger
- The thought of Jesus as an everlasting father may be hard for some to grapple with
- Father hunger is not just a social issue but spiritual issue
- Read Isaiah 9:1-7

Promise # 1: To love and accept us unconditionally.

- A. He loves us to the end (John 13:1)
- B. He loves you not based on what you do, but because you're his. (Romans 8:38-39)
- C. Your sin does not affect his love. (Heb. 13:8, 1 John 3:1)

Promise #2: To discipline for our ultimate good.

- A. Our Heavenly Fathers' discipline is always good. (Heb. 12:5-11)
- B. The example of Jonah

Promise # 3: To hold you fast forever.

- A. God our father will never abandon us. (John 10:28)
- B. The last image of the Bible (Revelation 22)
- C. Immanuel = God with us.

Conclusion:

What is the importance of the name "Everlasting Father" to believers today?

This is the Father who will never leave us:

- He provides the strength of "everlasting arms" (DT. 33:27).
- He ministers with an "everlasting consolation" (2 TH. 2:16).
- He performs His work with "everlasting power" (1 TIM. 6:16).
- He rules over an "everlasting kingdom" (2 PET. 2:11).
- He maintains an eternal presence (MT. 28:20).
- He gives us life that is eternal (JN. 14:19).

He graciously provides for those who realize that eternal values are what really count.

May we take time to ponder Christ, the timeless One who invaded time to rescue us from sin and self, the Father of Eternity who has given His life so that we may have eternal peace with God and with one another.