

He Shall Be Called ... “Mighty God”

Reflect

1. Who is someone you would consider strong or mighty?
2. What does it take to be powerful in this world?
3. Is strength different for people of faith? If so, how is it different?

Read Your Bible

- Isaiah 9:6
- Luke 9:18-21

Apply God’s Word to Your Life

1. Which of the names for the Savior stands out to you in Isaiah 9? Why?
2. What does it mean that God is mighty?
3. What kind of savior do you imagine the people of Israel hoped for?
4. What kind of savior did they ultimately get?
5. Look at Luke 9:22. What does Jesus tell his disciples about what will happen to Him? Are these the things they were expecting from Him?
6. How are the suffering, rejection, and death of Jesus, weak to world? How are they mighty?
7. How are we supposed to follow the example of our mighty God?

Conclusion

The first chapters of the book of Isaiah are written for God’s people in distress. The people of Israel in the southern kingdom of Judah feared assault and conquest from their neighbors, the Assyrians. They wondered where their God was and what He would do in their moment

of darkness. Isaiah's message comes to them with light and hope, foretelling a Messiah, an anointed one, who would be their savior. A child would deliver them. At first glance, the juxtaposition of the mightiness of God and this coming child, seem at odds. Children are not mighty. God is. Yet we know the one for whom they waited. Jesus, the Word made flesh, the son of God, the Christ child, is mighty in ways the people of Israel could never have imagined or dreamed. In Him what seems weak to the world becomes strength beyond our comprehension because His death will bring justice, righteousness, and the forgiveness of sin. The apostle Paul will later put it this way in his first letter to the Corinthians, "The weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

Pray

Father in Heaven, By the gift of your Son, you bring a strength into the world that we cannot understand. You establish justice and peace on all the earth. The power and might of your grace are above all things. We wait for your coming, rejoicing in hope, for your kingdom knows no end. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.