

## Sermon Notes

December 23, 2018

Advent Series: "The Prince of Peace: "Jesus: Everlasting Father"

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas through the eyes of Isaiah continues today with a look at the third of four titles Isaiah attributed to the coming Messiah 700 years before Jesus was born. Today our focus is on Jesus: Everlasting Father. God is the best gift giver...His gifts bring everlasting joy!

1. God really is the ultimate gift giver. (Matthew 2:1-12)

- There is no Grinch in God at all.
  - 1) He is constant in His generosity.
  - 2) He is so generous it is controversial.
  - 3) He is personal in His generosity.
- The Magi represent a perfect response to our everlasting Father.
- God's gifts to us reveal His true nature, our gifts to God reveal the true condition of our heart. (1 John 3:1) (Hebrews 3:12)

2. In a world where nothing seems to last very long, Isaiah wanted you to know that God's favor toward you will last forever.

- Add the blessing of an everlasting life with God to your Christmas list today.  
Special Notes: Isaiah uses the word "everlasting" more than any other writer in the Bible: verses 26:4; 40:28; 60:19
- Add the certainty of your everlasting Father to your life today. (John 10:27-30)

Conclusion ... Biblically, a "father" meant 1) life; 2) provision; 3) protection; and 4) a future. Is Jesus you Everlasting Father?