

EVERLASTING FATHER: Isaiah 9:6

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- **Q.** What does Isaiah mean when he says that Jesus is our “everlasting Father”? **A.** He does not mean for us to confuse God the Father and God the Son.
- **When Isaiah calls Jesus our everlasting Father**, he is making a *SIMPLE* yet *PROFOUND* statement:
- **Jesus is the King who TREATS HIS PEOPLE more like children than like subjects**; more like children than citizens.
- **A good king may love his subjects**, but a the love of a good Father outshines the kings like the Sun outshines a candle.

1. WHAT ARE FATHERS SUPPOSED TO BE AND DO? (at least these 5 things)

- I. **Fathers are charged with PROVIDING** (1Tim. 5 - “if anyone does not provide for his own family...”)
- II. **Fathers are charged with PROTECTION** (Headship. Jairus & Matt.18:6 “who causes one of these little ones to sin”)
- III. **Fathers are charged with RESPONSIBILITY** (phys. & spirit. Duet6. Eph5-6 “Head” “Discipline/Instruct”)
- IV. **Fathers are charged with BEING TENDER** (Eph. 6: “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger”)
- V. **Fathers are charged with NEVER LEAVING** (implied throughout)

2. HOW IS JESUS LIKE AN EVERLASTING FATHER TO US?

I. Jesus is an everlasting PROVIDER

- **Physically**
- **Matthew 6:31-33** “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
- **Spiritually / Eternally**
- **John 6:35** “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, & whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

II. Jesus is an everlasting PROTECTOR

- **Luke 21:17-18** “You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish.”
- **Jesus only gives suffering and satan enough rope to hang themselves.** He will work everything—even the terrible things—for His glory and your good.

III. Jesus is an everlasting HEAD (he takes everlasting responsibility for us)

- **Colossians 1** “[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church.” **Ephesians 5.**
- **Hebrews 7:25** “[Jesus] is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”
- **Romans 8:32** “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”
 - **Dorothy Sayers** “[Jesus] has Himself gone through the whole of human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair and death. When He was a man, He played the man. He was born in poverty and died in disgrace and thought it well worthwhile.”
- **The Cross.** This is what he ultimately did to take responsibility for his people!
- **Isaiah 53:5** “he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace...”

IV. Jesus is everlastingly TENDER

- **Isaiah 43:2** “A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench.”
 - **Thomas Goodwin:** “...the heart of Christ, as now he is in heaven, sitting at God's right hand and interceding for us; how it is affected and graciously disposed towards sinners on earth that do come to him; how willing to receive them; how ready to entertain them; how tender to pity them in all their infirmities, both sins and miseries.”

V. Jesus is everlastingly COMMITTED

- **John 14:18** “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” **In Heb.** “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- **Matthew 28:29** “I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”
- **John 14:1-3** “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”