

Mighty God

Quite often God's plans look weak by the world's standards. Once again, as we continue to anticipate and think about the birth of Jesus Christ, we encounter Isaiah's second name for our Messiah: Mighty God. How can a baby who will later die on a cross possibly be mighty, much less a mighty God? Discover what this title meant to Isaiah's original audience and what it means for those of us who recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah in our lives today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- When you hear someone call another person “mighty,” what does that description lead you to believe about him/her?
- Which of Jesus' character traits do people talk about and reflect on most prevalently during the Christmas season?



LISTEN TO THE EPISODE: [Mighty God](#)

READ [Isaiah 9:6-7](#), [Colossians 2:15](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee discussed how Israel's history and oral tradition influenced how the biblical stories were passed down and even recorded, noting “The way they told the stories...were...for a people who were looking for good news because they had been conquered and carried off to a foreign land.” Think about the realities of your life. What conditions might act as a lens or prism that influences how you read scripture?
- What spiritual battles have you experienced or are you experiencing? How can the knowledge that Jesus has already won the ultimate victory over sin and death help you think about and endure these battles? How does describing Jesus as “Mighty God” give you strength and comfort?
- God restored Israel, but not the way the people expected. God sends a Savior, but the Savior came as a baby not a warrior. Where in your life have you asked God for help or deliverance and he answered, “Yes, but not the way you think”?
- At the close of the episode, Dave and Scott talk about forgiveness, an act that seems weak, but in reality has the power to change lives. Where have you seen or experienced the power of Christ present in weakness?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Psalm 46](#), [Acts 1:6-11](#), [2 Corinthians 12:8-10](#)

CONCLUSION

The Israelites waited for the coming of the Messiah. We wait for the Messiah's return. Read and reflect on [1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#). Are there any areas in which you are boasting in or relying on your own strengths? Repent and give thanks to God for the ultimate deliverance he provides. Are you struggling with weakness? Bring your weakness to him in prayer and ask for Christ's power to be made known through your weakness.

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