



SUBJECT: "HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL"

Text: His name shall be called wonderful
Isaiah 9:6

Why his name should be called wonderful; (1) because he is the son of God, but God is not his ancestor, as such, for they are the same age. They both exist from eternity anything or anybody who exists from eternity has always existed. Both of them self exist so the Son's father is not the Son's ancestor and the Son is not his offspring as such. The why that the Son has a Father is because of the intricacy of the Trinity. The Trinity is infinitely set up so to necessitate a Father, Son and Spirit. So the Father is not the progenitor of the Son, for the Son self exists just as the Father does. That is enough to call Him wonderful. The Trinity is known as God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; not God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, but God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. After all, three persons, but one God.

I don't understand it, but I believe it. I don't know how it is, but I know it is. The Father is not the dominating personality of the Trinity because He is the Father; for each one is equal to the other; equal in every respect even in essence.

Isaiah said that His name shall be called wonderful because he is God's eternal Son, having existed as long as His Father. I think his name should be called wonderful too, for it is inconceivable for a Son to be as old as his Father, but in this case it is true.

I don't blame Isaiah from saying that his name shall be called wonderful. That is enough to call him wonderful. I must forever praise God for having given to us his to die in our stead. If Adam had gone to the cross God's eternal purpose would have been miscarried, and for God to off set a calamity, God gave His only begotten Son to die that we might live.

So the scheme of redemption swings around His death, not around His life, but around His death for the propitiation of our sin. So the Father gave His son to die for sinners for Isaiah said that it pleased the Lord bruise him. All of the penalties of sin and wrath and indignation fell on His Son on the cross of Calvary as though his Son was the most vile person in all the world. But His Son came willingly; for His Son loved us as greatly as the Father, so His Son became because He loved us, for He said, greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend.

So the Father gave His only Son and his Son gave his life. The price of redemption is greater than the cost of creation, the price of redemption almost bankrupted eternity, but creation was only an outward manifestation of an inward reality of the eternal purpose of God, predicted on the promise of His Son coming down to redeem us.

If His Son had not promised to come down, I don't know whether there would have been a creation at all. So creation with all its visible and invisible realities would have still been nestling itself in the womb of God's eternal purpose. The Father, knowing that His Son was immutable and could not change and would not change, gave the Father a go on signal. I'll agree with Isaiah, -- His name should be called Wonderful. Isn't Christ wonderful?

The second why, that his name should be called wonderful is because He decided to humanize Himself and pay the debt of sin with blood that could not have been done unless his coming to the earth in a human body for in eternity His Son didn't have any blood in his system. Knowing as He did without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. So His Son came down and became man.

But by his coming down and becoming man did not make Him any less God, for he was 100% God, for he made the dashing and leaping waves subside and lashed the terrific winds by submission with His thundering voice, and the clouds flirted away like sassy girls from the harsh voice of a disciplinarian mother, in a shout while there was a great calm. He could see the invisible for He could see your thought afar off.

The thoughts and conception of people stood before his intelligence like the pyramids of Egypt. I think His name should be called wonderful. I am asking you, don't you think that Christ is wonderful? He told John that he had the key of hell and earth, and he also said all power in heaven and earth is trusted in his hand. The poet said, Jesus my Lord I know His name. His name is all my trust, He is the first and the last and all between, for he is all in all, everywhere at the same time.

Amazing sight: the saviour stands and knocks at every door; ten thousand blessings in His hand to satisfy the poor. Ten thousand blessings are too many for any one person to need. He is water in dry places and bread in a starving land; bread with all of the necessary vitamins to live through eternity. He makes a way out of no way, for he is the way, He tells us to learn of Him for he is meek and lowly and you will find rest for your Soul. And He says again, I am the Truth and the Light.

John says, by Him all things were made and Paul says, by Him all things were created that are in the heavens and that are in the earth. Visible and invisible all things were created by Him and for Him all things consist. God has made Him preeminent and has given him a name above all names and at the name of Jesus every knee must bow. Oh, Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

Lastly, His name shall be called Wonderful because he could lay His life down and pick it up again. Now, the prophets glazed the way. The Apostles graded the way and Jesus Christ concreted the way and went in the grave and stayed just long enough for the concrete to solidify and while he was in the grave he left a red light as a signal for everybody to keep off., and early Sunday morning he entered the grave in time just to keep the angels from being disappointed and God was so pleased with His son until He was permitted to bring some of His sleeping Saints back with Him in order for His Son to establish the fact that He was just on His return from the region of the dead. So, . . . Jesus Christ is first in everything even in the resurrection of the dead. That is why Paul writes and says but now is Christ risen from the dead and becomes the first fruits of them that sleep. So Jesus Christ woke up some of His sleeping Saints: Job, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Moses, Solomon, and David. All of these and many others locked arms with Jesus and marched down the streets of Jerusalem in the eyesight of the public. Yes! He is Wonderful!!!

Because of the tremendous response of the community, the documentary, "THE LONG ROAD BACK", is being telecast for the second time on Tuesday evening, March 8th, at 7:00 P.M. on KORK-TV-3.

This documentary was written, directed and produced by Kathie Milone' Director of Community Relations for Channel 3.

"THE LONG ROAD BACK" is an inspiring, true story of a young woman who fought the insurmountable odds of alcoholism and severe depression and her successful re-entry into the community. Her treatment at the Las Vegas Mental Health Center is dramatically shown.



SERMON OF THE WEEK

BY Evangelist Johnnie Powell

"Who of you have dedicated your life to God's service?" Dedication means to give up something not expecting a price St. Mark 8:35 to yield to God your way, to furnish a life of righteousness, to provide for your own soul Salvation Rom. 12:1, 2, by obeying the scripture, and some one who knows the way of God more perfectly. Acts 18:24, 25, 26, by relinquishing or turning loose that thought you have when you think you are right but are not sure. When you don't have Bible proof. Again dedication is a vow, a pledge that you make to God, and keep it also when you can deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Jesus Mark 8:34. Your cross is the things in your daily life, anything that makes trouble for you is a cross. That is why you must have the power of God which is the Holy Ghost that you may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil in these evil times. Read Eph. 6:11 through 18.

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LOOK-A-HEAR!!! Who is coming to town!!! Bishop R. W. Harrison. He is good looking and filled up with the Holy Ghost you may come see, but don't touch. For God has said in the Holy Scripture, touch not my anointed

Bishop Harrison will be dedicating the Church of the Living God on March 6, 1977 at 2:30 P.M. Place is 1460 Heart St. at the corner of Hart and Highland Ave. Why don't you come and see what it feels like to be free. We will not tell you all the good things you are going to hear. So, if you are coming to see, come on! If you are coming to hear, come on! If you are coming to shout, come on! If you are coming to see what people are wearing, come on! By all means, come! If you are coming to criticize, come on!

We are looking for a big time, and a time, many, many people have promised to come, and all these people can't be liars. The Church is always a good place to meet with friends and God. We are praying that you continue in good health and the Spirit of God deal with you richly.

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We are all, from time to time, assailed with doubts. The larger the problem to be tackled, the larger the doubt to be dealt with. Sometimes we can overcome these doubts on our own. But sometimes, and it seems sometimes these days I have to do it more often than not, I have to get down on my knees and pray for divine guidance. When all else fails, I do not hesitate to pray. And I am seldom left wanting.

And so Haley, too, was seeking perhaps unknowingly, divine guidance on that day. It came to him, enabling us all, thus, to be the beneficiaries of his inspired creation.

Nietzsche was indeed right: Nothing great in this world is ever accomplished with passion. To which I would add the qualifier: "divine".