

His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful (19)

Messiah the Prince (2)

In the divine title, *“Messiah the Prince”*, the term, *“Prince”*, acknowledges the majesty and royalty of the Lord Jesus Christ. As *“Prince”*, He has been appointed heir of all things (Heb. 1:2), and, as such, is the rightful successor to the throne of God.

Peter and others of the apostles stood before the Jewish council and spoke of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whom the Jewish people had slain and hanged on a tree, and stated, *“Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour”* (Acts 5:30-31).

The Lord Jesus combines both of these divine titles in His own person as can be noted in the announcement of His birth. Luke records an angel appearing to Mary, prior to the birth of the Lord Jesus and announced to her, *“behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David”* (Luke 1:30-32).

Matthew records an angel appearing to Joseph with the words, *“Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins”* (Matt. 1:20-21).

Peter charged the people of Israel with the death of the Lord Jesus, saying, *“But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses”* (Acts 3:14-15).

The expression, *“Prince of Life”*, is another divine title of the Lord Jesus Christ, and indicates to us that He is the Author and Originator of life. John wrote of Him, *“in him was life, and the life was the light of men”* (Jn. 1:4). The Lord Jesus said, *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (Jn. 10:10). John wrote in his first epistle, *“and this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son”* (1st Jn. 5:11).

Isaiah prophesied of a child born and a son given, upon whose shoulder the government would rest. Among the names ascribed to Him, is the name, *“the Prince of Peace”*. Through Him, and His sacrificial atoning death on the cross, we have peace with God. Paul wrote in the book of Romans, *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Rom. 5:1).

Through Him, there is peace between Jew and Gentile. He has reconciled both unto God in one body, by the cross, and came and preached peace to the those that were far off (Gentiles), and to those that were nigh (Jews) (Eph. 2:14-17). Paul wrote in the book of Colossians, *“and having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven”* (Col. 1:20).

Through the Lord Jesus Christ there is peace between the throne of God and the priesthood. The priests of the Old Testament went astray from the laws and commandments of God. The Lord Jesus combines the offices of King and Priests perfectly and completely in His own blessed person. Zechariah prophesied concerning Him, *“Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both”* (Zech. 6:13).

In the book of the Revelation, John referred to the Lord Jesus Christ as, *“The Prince of the kings of the earth”* (Rev. 1:5). Some translations read this divine title as, *“Ruler of the kings of the earth”*. This agrees with the prophetic Scriptures that foretell the future reign of the Lord Jesus over all the kingdoms of the world.

The psalmist wrote, *“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee”* (Ps. 22:7). In the book of the Revelation, great voices in heaven announce, *“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever”* (Rev. 11:15).

It is most wonderful to note in connection with the *“Prince of the kings of the earth”*, that it is He who has loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood (Rev. 1:5).

Daniel prophesied of a king of a fierce countenance who will stand against the *“Prince of princes”*. This king will be broken without hand (Dan. 8:25). The name, *“Prince of princes”*, refers to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the book of the Revelation, the Lord Jesus is described as coming out of heaven on a white horse. His names are, *“Faithful and True”*, *“The Word of God”*, *“King of kings and Lord of Lords”*. All who oppose Him are broken, but not by human hand. They are slain by the sword that proceeds out of His mouth (Rev. 19:11-15, 21).

*Destined heir o’er every nation,
The Prince of the kings of earth;
Jesus claims the royal station,
Though His was a humble birth.*

*Took the form of servant, lowly,
Yet possessing deity;
Undefiled, harmless, holy,
A Prince and Saviour is He.*

*Prince of Life, whose life was given,
For the sins of men He died;
From his body, pierced and riven,
Flowed a precious, crimson tide.*

*Justified, no condemnation,
Prince of Peace, our peace has made;
We enjoy a full salvation,
Sword of judgment has been stayed.*

*Soon will consummate the story,
When to earth He comes again;
In the fulness of His glory,
Shall the Prince of princes reign.*

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