

Fulfilling A Promise

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Matthew 1:18-25

A man was invited to a friend's house for dinner. Every time the host needed something, he preceded his request to his wife with a "My Love" and "Sweetheart." His friend looked at him and said, "That is really nice that after all these years you still call your wife by those pet names."

The host replied, "Well, honestly, I have forgotten her real name."

Names are important!

Even before his birth, Jesus had been given many names. The prophet Isaiah prophesied, "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

In the original Hebrew text, "wonderful counselor" actually meant, "a wonder of a counselor."

A wonder of a counselor speaks to the reliable wisdom of Jesus. Those who come to him will never be led astray. When we yoke ourselves with Jesus to learn, the education that we receive is priceless. Jesus goes to no one for advice and when people go to him, he gives them wisdom that can be counted on.

Jesus has come to dwell with us!

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