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# THE POWER OF GOD'S NAMES

## Sermon Outline



expensive presents at Christmas. He paid the price so that you can understand that He is Immanuel, the God-Man, who wants to give you eternal peace.

### BACKGROUND BIBLICAL HISTORY AND CULTURE:

**WORD STUDY ON IMMANUEL (GOD WITH US).** In Psalm 46:8-12 the psalmist used a phrase that is similar to "God with us" when he declared, "The LORD of hosts is with us." The psalmist announced his confidence in God's ability to deliver His people from their enemies. In Isaiah 7:14 the proper name Immanuel points to the child who would symbolize God's presence with His people. And God's presence wasn't meant just to comfort His people but to deliver them from their sin. While many people in Jesus' time expected Him to deliver Israel from the oppressive Roman dominion, Jesus' mission would provide the means by which they would be delivered from the dominion of sin and its eternal consequences.

**THE FULFILLED PROPHECIES OF ISAIAH 7:14.** When Matthew wrote his Gospel, the Holy Spirit inspired him to apply the prophet's words in Isaiah 7:14 to Jesus Christ. So Matthew 1:23 is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. But what did Isaiah's words mean to him and to the people of his time? Several prophecies in the Bible have several fulfillments, one fulfillment during the time in which the prophecy was spoken and a final fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The fact that Isaiah 7:14 is followed by verses 15-17, which don't apply to Jesus Christ, means that Isaiah also had another woman and child in mind. But whom? The most likely interpretation is that Isaiah, who prophesied to the royal house of David, had in mind an unmarried virgin in the royal family who would soon get married and have a child. Though her child wouldn't literally be Immanuel, God with us, his birth, which would confirm God's words through His prophet Isaiah, would show that God was with His people. At the time of Isaiah, God's people feared the mighty Assyrian army would attack. But God wanted to show them that He was in complete control. Even though King Ahaz's lack of trust in God would eventually lead to Assyria's attack on Israel, God also wanted to show that ultimately, the Messiah, Jesus Christ, would come to deal not only with our earthly enemies but also with sin and its consequences.

### SERMON LINES:

This sermon will help you believe the baby in the manger is Immanuel, God with us.

This sermon will help you trust that Immanuel alone has provided the way for you to have peace with God.

### QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO DR. TONY EVANS:

"Please notice the distinction: the child is born, but the Son is given because the Son existed before the child was born."

"The virgin had a child, but the child that the virgin had existed as the Son before the virgin ever got pregnant. So the Son wasn't born; the Son was given."

"The essence of Christmas is Immanuel, the name God with us! If you missed that, you missed Christmas. All you wind up with is fancy songs and fancy programs and fancy events with no deity."

"The issue of Christmas is the Deity of God in a person."

"Let me tell you about the kid in the cradle who is the King, who can bear the government, the rule of your life on His shoulder. He is not only the Wonderful Counselor; He is the Mighty God who can empower you to pull off what the good advice told you ought to do."

"He is the Prince of Peace. He is the One who can put together what's unraveling in your world. He is the One who can speak peace in the middle of a storm."

"Our problems today can all be tracked back to sin. Sin is rebellion against that standard of God."

"Unless you are delivered from sin, you won't be delivered in life."

"God became a man in the person of Jesus Christ to deal with the issue of sin, sin's penalty, sin's power, and sin's presence in eternity."

"The Jesus of the Bible came to identify our sins, forgive us for our sins, give us victory over our sins, and forever give us a home totally absent of sin."

"Only Jesus Christ deserves your total worship. He deserves your total praise. Worship Him as your Savior."

"Let's not be ashamed to welcome Him, to worship Him, and then to witness about Him because His name is Immanuel."