



Order of Service December 17 & 18, 2016

Worship Team Angels We Have Heard On High
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Good, Good Father
Message Jay Bruner
And He Shall Be Called (Part 3)
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HE SHALL BE CALLED “Everlasting Father”

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)*

Everlasting- *avi'* – **Eternal**, forever, always, never changing, without end.

Father – *ad* - The one and only **Father**, the king guy, the one, and only, over the entire family.

JESUS IS THE TRUE – “EVERLASTING FATHER”

Common mistake - When we look at Jesus through the lens of our Earthly Father:

We see Him is a father who is never satisfied.

We see Him as a father who is moody, or always angry.

We see Him as a father who is M.I.A. (Missing in action or attention)

JESUS, THE TRUE “EVERLASTING FATHER”, IS:

A Father who is FULL OF COMPASSION.

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.” **Psalm 103:8**

Long ago the LORD said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.

Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

*...nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)***

A Father who CARES.

*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed. **Psalm 34:18 (NLT)***

*He is a...Father to the fatherless, defender of widows--this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy... **Psalm 68:5-6 (NLT)***

A Father who is ALWAYS THERE.

*...“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” **Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)***

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. **Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)***

Going deeper on your own. Many times, we come to Christmas and see Jesus as merely a baby in a manger. What if we saw Him for who He truly is - our Eternal Father? Get pen and paper then look up the following passages and write down how He has demonstrated Himself as Our Eternal Father. Matthew 6:26, Matthew 18:12-14, Luke 6:35-36, Luke 12:32, John 14:1-2, John 16:27, Romans 8:15-16, Matthew 7:9-11, 1 John 3:1, and finally, Luke 15:17. Simple question; Have you ever allowed Him to be your Father? He desires to be. If you have not allowed Him in, invite Him to be your Father now. Read Ephesians 1:5-6 and accept the offer that has been made to each one of us. Merry Christmas.