

Realms of Glory: Everlasting Father

Jesus protects and provides for His people

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For to 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 Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NIV

Everlasting Father = Fatherly Forever ✓

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me – just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father – and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.” John 10:11-16 NIV

Jesus is our Protector ✓ and Provider ✓ .

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:7-10 NIV

Jesus protects us from harmful deception ✓ .

Jesus provides abundant life ✓ .

Jesus protects us from death ✓ .

Jesus provides eternal life ✓ .

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. How have you seen Jesus’s protection in your own life? Have you been through struggles that made you realise that Jesus was watching over you?
- 2. Have you embraced the abundant life that Jesus has provided for you? How can you celebrate this wonderful provision this Christmas?