THE MIGHTY ONE

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Today, we want to examine why God is called the "mighty one."

Mighty to Redeem. "For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you." {Proverbs 23:11}

Why is our Redeemer mighty? He did for us what we could not do for ourselves. Man was in the bondage of sin, a slave to the unrighteousness that caused his separation from God. {Isaiah 59:1,2} God sent His Son to release us from sin's bondage and allow us to become slaves to righteousness. {Hebrews 2:14,15; Romans 6:16-18} Only the sacrifice of God's sinless son was mighty enough to redeem us.

Mighty to save us. "Who is this who comes from Edam, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." {Isaiah 63:1}

Notice Isaiah's prophecy. The one who is mighty to save speaks in "righteousness." God's word is always truth. [John 8:31,32; 17:17] Following all of God's instructions leads us to follow righteousness. It furnishes us to every good work. {2 Timothy 3:17} This is why Paul told us that the gospel is "God's power to save us." {Romans 1:16} Yes, God is the only one whose words are powerful enough to save us.

Mighty to deliver. "Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment." {2 Peter 2:9}

While we are in sin, we are God's enemies and Satan's possession. Only through God's love, power, and willingness can we be delivered from this terrible servitude. In His word, He tells us the way to be delivered. We have the means of escape, if we accept His offer. {1 Corinthians 10:13}

Man was the final piece of God's wonderful creation. He placed him on earth and gave him dominion over all of the earth. God created man to have fellowship with Him now and in eternity. God's plan was designed to save man. Yes, we do serve a mighty and awesome God! ***