

## Isaiah 9:6, Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor

### ☐ Monday - Counseling Credentials that Inspire Wonder.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6). The King James Version renders the word “Wonderful” as a separate name, other translations render it “Wonderful Counselor” (NAS, NIV, ESV). Either is acceptable, for Jesus is wonderful, and His counsel is wonderful. This Christmas, take a moment to reflect upon this Wonderful Counselor. Consider Him whose credentials include “unfathomable” wisdom and knowledge (Rom. 11:33). Ponder again the One whose counsel rests upon infinite understanding (Psa. 147:5). Yes, dear my friends, Jesus is the only one qualified to bear the name Wonderful Counselor, because “His understanding is inscrutable!” (Isa. 40:28), and this is wonderful in our sight. Read Isaiah 28:29, 40:13; Romans 11:33-34

### ☐ Tuesday - Wisdom Has a Name.

A good counselor requires keen insight and a wise and discerning heart. So then, if Christ is renowned as a Wonderful Counselor, how insightful and wonderful must His wisdom and counsel be! “The wisdom of this world is foolishness before God” (1 Cor. 3:19), but Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor because His wisdom is higher than man’s -- infinitely higher: “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts,” declares the Lord (Isa. 55:9). Two thousand years ago, a Wonderful Counselor was born, who is the very incarnation of wisdom (1 Cor. 1:24). Yes, wisdom has a name and His name is Jesus. Today, wise men still seek Him. Read Proverbs 8

### ☐ Wednesday - Jesus is the Word of God.

“In the beginning was the Word [Greek *logos*], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). At His incarnation, God the Son was given the name Jesus (Matt. 1:21), but from all eternity He was the Logos. Yet this eternal name has a much broader meaning than “Word,” for in this Word “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3). Jesus holds the title “Wonderful Counselor” precisely because He is the Logos, the eternal wisdom and knowledge of God. The two names are synonymous: The Word of God is a Wonderful Counselor. And so, I leave for you to work out all the implications and applications of that precious truth. Read Isaiah 11:2

### ☐ Thursday - The Nature of Biblical Counseling.

Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor and His Word, the Bible, is the only authoritative rule for faith and practice. The Bible is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16), and inerrant (John 17:17), so that every word can be trusted without hesitation (Prov. 3:5-6). Scripture is time-tested (Prov. 30:5; cf. Psa. 12:6, 18:30), proven true in every culture and in every situation (Psa. 33:11). Dear Christian, your own understanding is not inerrant, and even your closest friend’s counsel is fallible (Prov. 14:12), but the Word of God is always true. Today, it is only from within the pages of Holy Scripture, and never apart from them, that our Wonderful Counselor counsels His people. Read Psalm 1:1-2; 19:7-11

### ☐ Friday - Famous Best-Selling Author and Counselor.

An average psychologist’s fees start at about \$175 per hour and go up from there. But some of the more famous psychologists who are also published authors, like Dr. Phil, may charge thousands of dollars per hour! And what do you suppose the very greatest and most famous counsellor of all time, with the best-selling book of all time, might charge? The answer is nothing! His name is Jesus Christ and He is a Wonderful Counselor. But if a counselor of such renown is willing to offer free counsel, what should be our response? Let us be quick to receive and do all that He may prescribe in His best-selling book the Bible. Read Proverbs 19:20; James 1:5