





WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

ISAIAH 9:6

He shall be called, “Wonderful counselor, almighty God,
Everlasting Father prince of peace.”



1. THE NEED FOR COUNSEL

ISAIAH 8:21-22

They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.



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ISAIAH 1:4

Ah, sinful nation,
a people laden with iniquity,
offspring of evildoers,
children who deal corruptly!
They have forsaken the Lord,
they have despised the Holy One of Israel,
they are utterly estranged.



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ISAIAH 1:21

How the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice! Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers



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ISAIAH 2:8

Their land is filled with idols' they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made



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ISAIAH 5:11

Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them! They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the Lord or see the work of his hands.



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ISAIAH 5:8

Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land



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ISAIAH 9:1

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish



2. WHO GIVES US GUIDANCE

ISAIAH 9:1

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.



2. WHO GIVES US GUIDANCE

JOHN 1:45-47

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”



2. WHO GIVES US GUIDANCE

ISAIAH 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has
light shined.



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ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be on his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace



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PSALM 33:10-11

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.



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ISAIAH 40:13-15

Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord,
or what man shows him his counsel?

Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?

Who taught him the path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?



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1 CORINTHIANS 1:25

For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men



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ISAIAH 29:14

Therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden



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ISAIAH 11:2

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord



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1 CORINTHIANS 1:24

“...Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 CORINTHIANS 1:29

“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God...”



3. WHO GIVES US HIS LIFE

ISAIAH 9:6

“For to us a child is born
...For us a son is given”



For whatever reason God chose to make man as he is - limited and suffering and subject to sorrows and death - he had the honesty and courage to take his own medicine. ...He has himself gone through the whole of human experience from trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair and death. When he was a man, he played the man. He was born in poverty and died in disgrace and thought it well worthwhile

DOROTHY SAYERS



3. WHO GIVES US HIS LIFE

He knows you personally,
He diagnoses you properly,
He delivers you powerfully.

