

Session #3 Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6–7a (NLT) ⁶For 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. ⁷His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

Wonderful Counselor!

"Wonderful Counselor" is one of the prophetic titles for Jesus Christ from Isaiah 9:6, signifying his extraordinary, miraculous wisdom, divine guidance, and capacity to provide perfect counsel and leadership to his people. It describes a supernatural guide who understands humanity's deepest needs and offers unfailing advice.

Meaning of "Wonderful Counselor" (Isaiah 9:6)

- **Wonderful (Hebrew: *Pele*):** Implies something miraculous, extraordinary, beyond human understanding, and marvelous.
- **Counselor (Hebrew: *Ya'as*):** Refers to one who advises, guides, exhorts, or leads with wisdom and authority.
- **Together:** Jesus is a miraculous, supernatural advisor and leader with perfect insight into all problems and solutions.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT) ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Psalm 23 *A psalm of David.*

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ²He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. ⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. ⁵You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. ⁶Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. ¹

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NLT) ⁸"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Four Ways Jesus Counsels Us:

Four Ways We Seek Jesus' Counsel:

1. Counsels Us Through The Bible

Psalm 1:1–3 (NLT) ¹ Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ² But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. ³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Matthew 7:24 (NLT) ²⁴ “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

2. Counsels Us Through The Holy Spirit

a. The Holy Spirit will tell us what He receives from Jesus.

John 16:13–15 (NLT) ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’

b. Jesus said it would be best for us if He left, and sent the Holy Spirit (Advocate) to be with us and in us.

John 16:5–7 (NLT) ⁵ “But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶ Instead, you grieve because of what I’ve told you. ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

c. The Holy Spirit is Power in us.

Acts 1:8 (NLT) ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

d. Guidance and Counsel

John 14:26 (NLT) ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

e. Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1–13 (NLT) *Spiritual Gifts*

Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don’t want you to misunderstand this. ² You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. ³ So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

One Body with Many Parts

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

f. Advocate – (The Advocate or Holy Spirit is our Comforter, Guide, and Helper on Earth, defending and empowering believers.)

John 15:26 (NLT) ²⁶ “But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

The Holy Spirit Counsels by Impression, revelation, and confirmation.

3. Counsels Us Through People

See again 1 Corinthians 12 above. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given so people can minister to others and YOU! The point is that the gifts are given so the Holy Spirit can work through people. The Holy Spirits’ counsel to you can and does happen through people too.

Galatians 6:1–2 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT) ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT) ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

4. Counsels Us Through Leaders

Jeremiah 3:15 (NLT) ¹⁵ And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding.

Acts 20:28 (NLT) ²⁸ “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.

He is a Counselor That Always Has Wonderful Instruction!

– cherish His direction and counsel

Allow Him To Lead You and Expect Him To Lead You!