



Sermon Points

Week 1 - 11.27.22 | Sean Kelly

Title: Wonderful Counselor

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-6

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Main Point: As promised, Jesus, the Wisdom & Word of God incarnate, came to guide His people into His eternal Kingdom of peace

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-6 ESV - But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. 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. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Wonderful (pele') – marvelous; something great, unusual, amazing, hard to understand, and/or worthy of excitement; describing a “wonder” or miracle.

Examples in the text:

- “O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.” – Isaiah 25:1
- “Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?” – Exodus 15:11
- “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.” – Isaiah 29:14

#1 - Jesus is the Wisdom and Word of God incarnate.

- "[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." – John 1:1–5
- "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." – John 1:14
- "[6]... though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." – Philippians 2:6–7
- "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." – 2 Corinthians 2:8-9

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Examples in the text:

- "[17] Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. [18] You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. [19] Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you!" – Exodus 18:17–19a
- "Now in those days the counsel that Ahithophel gave was as if one consulted the word of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel esteemed, both by David and by Absalom." – 2 Samuel 16:23
- "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." – Proverbs 15:22

Counselor (yā‘aṣ) – one who gives wisdom, direction, consult, or advice; one who purposes and plans.

Examples in the text:

- [26] This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. [27] For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back? – Isaiah 14:26–27
- "The LORD of hosts has sworn: 'As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand' – Isaiah 14:24

#2 - Jesus guides His people into His eternal Kingdom of peace.

As God, Jesus' counsel is ... authoritative ... inerrant ... sufficient ... clear	As man, Jesus' counsel is ... accessible ... visible ... personal ... understanding
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#3 - As promised, Jesus came.

Examples of amazement/awe in the text:

- "After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." - Luke 2:46-47
- And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" – Matthew 12:23
- "But when the crowds saw this, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men." – Matthew 9:8
- "Jesus said to them, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they marveled at him." – Mark 12:17
- "Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' For they no longer dared to ask him any question." – Luke 20:39–40

Jesus' wisdom is greater than even that of Solomon's:

- "All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice." – 1 Kings 3:28
- "Behold, something greater than Solomon is here." – Luke 11:31b

Call to Action:

- 1 - Wonder at Jesus' incarnation & counsel
- 2 - Hope in Jesus during dark, uncertain, and/or troubling times
- 3 - Submit to Jesus by receiving Him and His wonderful counsel.

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