

# WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

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"For unto us a Child is born, unto 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." (Isaiah 9:6) - a Messianic prophecy.

**Wonderful:** from the Hebrew word **pele** which means: a wonder, wonders, wonderful, extraordinary. (Something that inspires delight, pleasure, or admiration; something extremely good and marvelous.)

**Counselor:** from the Hebrew word **yowes** which means: a counselor; from **yaats** which means to advise, to give counsel. (thus a person who gives guidance or advice on a specified subject; or on personal, social, religious, or other issues.)

The prophecy of Isaiah 9:6, that says the "Son" would be a Wonderful Counsellor, is clearly fulfilled in the teachings (counsel) of Jesus. Consider what Jesus had to say about His own counsel and teachings:

"Now within the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, **and taught**. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How has this Man become learned, having never been taught?" Jesus answered them, and said, **"My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me**. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself."" (read John 7:14-45)

"Then said Jesus unto them, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you shall know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but **as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things**. And He (the Father) who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him. And as He spoke these words, **many believed on Him**.'" (John 8:28-30)

People from the home town of Jesus, people who knew Jesus and all of His family, were so amazed at His and teachings that they were actually offended by His superior wisdom, perhaps compared to theirs:

"And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from their. And when He had come into His own region, He taught them in their synagogue, insomuch **that they were astonished**, and said, 'From where has this man **this wisdom, and these mighty works**? Is not this the carpenter's Son? is not His mother called Mary? and His brothers, James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? From where then has this man all these things?' And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said unto them, 'A prophet is not without honor, except in His own region, and in His own house.'" (Matthew 13:53-57)

Other people also affirmed the 'wonder' of the words and teachings of Jesus:

"And the Pharisees heard the people speaking such things about Him (Jesus). Then the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Him. .... Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have you not brought Him? The officers answered, **"Never has a man spoken like this Man**."" (John 7: 32, 45-46)

"And they (Jesus & His disciples) went into Capernaum; and straightway, on the sabbath day, He entered into the synagogue, **and taught**. And **they were astonished at His doctrine**: for **He taught them as someone who has authority**, and not as the scribes." (Mark 1:21-22)

"And He taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, 'My House shall be called by all nations the House of Prayer?' but you have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy Him: for they feared Him, **because all the people was astonished at His doctrine**." (Mark 11:17-18)

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The teachings of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel accounts during His three and a half years of public ministry, indeed includes some truly wonderful counsel. Consider the following good and wise counsel from Jesus:

“You have heard that it has been said, ‘You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. But I say unto you: Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you, and persecute you; so that you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and He sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you (only) love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the publicans do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you more than others? Do not even the publicans do so? Therefore, **Be you perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.**” (Matthew 5:43-48)

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust do corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**” (Matthew 6:19-21)

“**Enter you in at the narrow gate;** for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in that way; because the gate is narrow, and difficult is the way which leads unto life, **and few are those who find it.**” (Matthew 7:13-14)

“Therefore I say unto you, **do not worry about your life,** as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than clothing? Behold the birds of the air; for they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not much better than they?** Who of you by worrying can add one cubit unto his stature? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. Therefore, if God so cloths the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, **shall He not much more clothe you? O you of little faith!** Therefore, do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) But your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. **But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness;** and all these things shall be added unto you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow shall worry about its own things; for each day has enough of its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:25-34)

“And when He (Jesus) had called the people unto Himself with His disciples also, He said unto them, ‘Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me **and of My words** in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He comes in the Glory of His Father with the holy angels.’ ” (Mark 8:34-38)

“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-29)

“Do not labor for food which perishes, but for that food which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you; ... **I am the bread of life;** he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and he who believes on Me shall never thirst.” (Matt. 6:27, & 35)

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"Jesus cried and said, 'He who believes on Me, believes not on Me, but on Him (the Father) who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him (the Father) who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, so that whoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hears **My words**, and does not believe, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.'" (John 12:44-48)

Jesus said, "Therefore whoever **hears these sayings of Mine**, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it did not fall; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His teaching; for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." (Matthew 7:24-29)

"As the Father has loved Me, **so have I loved you; continue in my love**. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things I have spoken unto you, so that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. **This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you**. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:9-13)

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling-places; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; so that where I am, there you may be also. And where I am going you know, **and the way you know**. But Thomas said unto Him, 'Lord, we know not where You are going; so how can we know the way?' Jesus said unto him, **'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but through Me.'**" (John 14:1-6)

"The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He (the Holy Spirit) shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. **Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you**; not as the world gives do I give unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid**. You have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If you loved Me, you would rejoice, because I said, 'I go unto the Father: ' for My Father is greater than I.'" (John 14:26-28)

The counsel of Jesus is good counsel! It is wise counsel! It is truly wonderful counsel! It is life saving counsel! I have only presented a small portion of His wisdom from the Father!! If you have not read through the gospel accounts lately, then please consider doing so soon.

**Jesus is ...**

**our Wonderful Counselor;**  
**He is our Marvelous Teacher from God;**  
**He is the best Advisor we have;**  
**He is the Father's Mentor for us!**

**Always and always – Truly, and truly**

**Thank You Lord Jesus for being our most wonderful, wise, and close to us counselor!**  
**All praise and glory be Yours forever and ever!**