

# Jesus Christ – Wonderful Counselor

Isa. 9:1-7

# *Jesus In Isaiah*

- 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." **41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.** (Jn. 12:40-41)
  - Isa. 2:2-4 → His Kingdom – Lord's house exalted above the hills.
  - Isa. 7:14 → Virgin birth; Immanuel
  - Isa. 11:1-10 → Descendent of Jesse.
  - Isa. 28:16 → Precious cornerstone, sure foundation
  - Isa. 40:3-5 → Way announced by John the baptist
  - Isa. 53 → Suffering and death for transgressors.
  - Isa. 61:1-2 → Preacher of good tidings

## Isaiah 9:6-7

- *6 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.** 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

# Bible Names Often Tell Us Something About The Person...

- Consider the significance of names in the Bible:
  - God often gave people names that said something about them...their role in his plans:
    - Eve – the mother of all living
    - Abram – elevated father.
    - Abraham – the father of a multitude
    - Jesus – Jehovah is salvation
    - Isaiah –the salvation of the Lord
    - Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (8:1) – one hastens to plunder the loot
    - Shear-jashub (7:3) → a remnant shall return

# *Wonderful Counselor*

- Wonderful → Marvelous, Extraordinary; of God's acts of judgment and redemption.
  - The importance of “wonder” in our lives:
    - Ps. 8 → O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. **3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?** 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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  - Ps. 139:13-14 → 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
  - Job 42:1-3 → 1 Then Job answered the LORD and said: 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

# *We Need To have A Sense Of Wonder About Jesus...*

- Eternal existence; incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, authoritative teaching, marvelous miracles, death, resurrection, ascension, His counsel. The reaction to Jesus in Bible times:
  - Matt. 15:1 → 31 so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel. (Matt. 7:28-29)

# Jesus Is Our Wonder Counselor

- We cannot direct our own lives. (Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12)
- In Jesus are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2:3)
- He has the words of eternal life. (Jn. 6:68)
- The counsel of Jesus that comes through the word of God (Ps. 119:24) – not mere suggestions or advice which we have the option of receive or reject without consequence, but his authoritative commands. (I Cor. 14:37)



# *Jesus As Our Wonderful Counselor*

- Youth → Eph. 6:1-3; Eccl. 12:1
- Family → Matt. 19:3-6; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7
- Financial → Matt. 6:24; 19-20; 33; I Tim. 6:17-19; Jn. 6:13
- Personal Development → Matt. 5:3-12; 20:27-28; Matt. 25:14-30
- Fear, Anxiety → Matt. 6:34; 10:28; I Pet. 5:7
- Guilt → Matt. 11:28-30; Lk. 13:3; Heb. 10:22-23