

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR- ISA 9:6, 12/19/21

❖ **GETTING OUR FEET WET-** what's the coldest, darkest time of the year?

Isaiah 9⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- How many titles are given to Jesus here? How many qualifiers (modifiers)?

- Is there a progression?

❖ **DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE**

- WONDERFUL- "beyond words & understanding, marvelous, extraordinary"

Ex 15¹¹ Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Ps 17⁷ Show me the wonders of your great love,

Ps 119¹²⁹ Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

Judges 13¹⁷ Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?" ¹⁸ He replied, "Why do you ask my name? It is wonderful, beyond understanding."

COUNSELOR- "advise, consult, guide"

1. Does Jesus have the qualifications to counsel?

Heb 4- Jesus has the l _____ and experience

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Col 2- Jesus has the w _____ and skill.

³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

2. But is Jesus available?

Mt 1²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

3. But does Jesus want to be bothered?

Mt 11²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

4. But can Jesus really help me? Does He have the power?

Ps 16⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

Ps 32⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

❖ **TAKING IT HOME**

1. GET HONEST-with your Wonderful Counselor

I Pet 5⁷ Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you.

Jn 4¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

2. OBEY His wonderful counsel – start with the 10 Commandments

Dt 30¹⁹ I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life....

3. But what if we don't obey?

Mt 7²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Jn 10²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

4. WORSHIP your Wonderful Counselor- "That's My King," by S. M. Lockridge

❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? – write it down, pray it back, share it with others & do it!

Lord Jesus, You are the Wonderful Counselor. You love me, "get" me, and want to be with me. Your advice is always right, loving, good. You know where I am, where I'm headed and what I need. Help me follow, obeying Your Word, Your Spirit and Your wisdom. I especially sense you telling me...