

Wonderful Counselor

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Isaiah 9:6 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. (NIV 1984)

Matthew 7:24-29 ²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." ²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (NIV 1984)

Isaiah 28:29 All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom. (NIV 1984)

- I. Jesus is a **wonderful counselor**. "Wonderful: a miracle: - marvelous thing, wonder (-ful, -fully). Counselor: A primitive root; to advise; reflexively to deliberate or resolve: - advertise, take advice, advise (well), consult, (give take) counsel (-lor), determine, devise, guide, purpose." (Abingdon's Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible) Overall, it denotes the wisdom that is needed to rule. He needs no advisor himself.
 - A. His teaching must be **heard**. V. 24
 - B. His teaching must be **practiced**. V. 24
 - C. His teaching will carry you through **any trial**. V. 25
 - D. Ignoring His teaching makes us vulnerable to **circumstance**. V. 26
- II. Jesus's teaching is different from the **world's teaching**.
 - A. It has **authority**. V. 29
 - B. It produces **results**. V. 28
- III. What should we do in light of knowing that He is the **wonderful counselor**?
 - A. We must **know** what He said.
 - B. We must **replace** what we have always been taught with what Christ says.
 - C. We must learn to listen and obey the **Holy Spirit**.