

His Name is Wonderful

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Text: [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)

Introduction

[Isaiah 9:6](#) 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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah and it was given over 700 hundred years before His birth. It tells us that the Child that was to be born and the Son that was to be given is not just an ordinary man. According to Isaiah He would be called: Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace.

Over the next four weeks we will look at each of these names in detail. But today we will look at Jesus Christ as our Wonderful Counsellor.

Next week I will be turning 57. In my life I have met many people whom I thought are wonderful people and I am sure you have too. But as you know, sometimes the people that we thought to be wonderful turned out not to be so wonderful after all. Ultimately that is true of every one of us, but not true of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is One whom the more you get to know the more wonderful He becomes to us.

Wonderful

Today, we throw around words like “great”, “super”, “incredible”, and “awesome”, too easily. We use these words in trivial way. Another word that we throw around is the word “wonderful”. It has become rather devalued in our day. The word “wonderful” is full of meaning specially when it is used in relation to God and Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew word used in our text is “pele”. It comes from the root word for **miracle** or **wonder**. In our King James Bible, it is translated **wonders** and **wonderful** and **marvellous**.

[Exodus 15:11](#) Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing (working) **wonders**?

[Psalm 78:12](#) **Marvellous** things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

The word used here refers to the wonderful miracles God did in delivering His people out of Egypt. Think of the wonder of the miracle of crossing the Red Sea.

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The word “Wonderful” in the dictionary means to be struck with surprise or astonishment or awe or amazement. Jesus Christ’s name is wonderful - full of wonder. Jesus Christ is wonder. Jesus is miracle. Jesus is astonishment. Jesus Christ is a unique person. He is beyond our imagination. He is beyond our capability of grasping. He is Wonderful with a capital W.

Today, let us consider how wonderful Jesus Christ is? My prayer is, as we consider and contemplate on how wonderful Jesus Christ is we would be filled with awe, admiration, love and adoration.

All of us have names we were given at birth. Many of our names have meaning. But just because a person's name means something does not mean that person lives up to their name. This is not so with Jesus. His Name is Wonderful because He is truly wonderful! Jesus Christ is wonderful in His character, in His care and in His counsel.

I - Wonderful in His Character

Think about His moral purity

We are so used to the sin and moral failure that we see all around us. It can be disheartening and discouraging. What is more discouraging is not the moral failures of those around us but our own. We are infected with sin and selfishness. But Jesus Christ was not and is not. He was the only person to ever lived who never sinned.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22: **Who did no sin**, neither was guile found in his mouth:

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin**.

Jesus Christ as our High Priest understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin.

1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and **in him is no sin**.

Jesus Christ came in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.

He is wonderful in His sinlessness and moral glory! He not only always does the right thing but He thinks the right things. He not only thinks the right things but He feels the right things. His heart towards His own is always good and kind.

Think about His immutability

Everything around us in this world changes. Everything in the universe is subject to change. There is nothing in the universe that is fixed. There is nothing that is stable and secure.

Governments change. Societies change. People change. Moral values change. Think of how our society's morality has changed. The things we used to call sin are no longer considered sin. Imagine if you were born in 1959 and you were transported via time machine into 2016. I guarantee you, you will have massive culture shock. Because today, we call evil good and good evil. In our society, we punish those who follow righteousness and reward those who follow evil. We have lost our common sense.

Everything in the world is subject to change. But there is One Who never changes - the Lord Jesus Christ.

[Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.](#)

II - Wonderful in His Care

He cared for you when you were a baby. He cared for you when you were in your sins. He cares for you now and He will care for you forever because He never changes.

Think about how He saved you

He is the gracious Saviour. I continue to be amazed that He loves me and cares for me. When I think of all the terrible sins that I committed I cannot understand His mercy and love towards me. If another person hurt me the way I have hurt the Living God I would have nothing to do with them. But after all the sins I have committed against Him, He still loves me and saved me from my sins.

Think about how He shepherds you

He is the Great Shepherd. He is called the Great Shepherd because a shepherd cares for his sheep. He protects, provides and guides. No one cares for you like Jesus does. He is looking out for your welfare more so than any other person does, would, or even could. He is wonderful in His care. He is the Great and Good Shepherd.

[Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.](#)

III - Wonderful in His Counsel

The human race was ruined by a counselor, who gave the worst advice to Eve.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2: And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4: And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Man has fallen because of a wicked counselor but it can be and will be restored by a Counsellor - the Lord Jesus Christ! We all need Jesus Christ as our Counsellor.

During Isaiah days there were many who thought themselves to be wise but they were actually very foolish.

Isaiah 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

That is the same problem we face today. There are many today who are convinced that they are wise that they have become fools.

Proverbs 26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

There are two kinds of fools: there are fools out of ignorance and there are fools out of conceit. There is more hope for a fool than for him who thinks he is wise in his own eyes. Do not make that same mistake. There is no counsel if you refuse to go to Him. Humble yourself and go to Jesus and to His Word for counsel, for guidance and for wisdom.

Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24: But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and **the wisdom of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in **Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**

All wisdom is found in Him. Oh yes, we are fools by nature – how many mistakes we make but if we go to Him, He will guide us and help us and make us wise.

Jesus Christ is not just another counsellor, He is the Wonderful Counsellor! He is wonderfully qualified for this job. He had the age and experience. He has the knowledge. He is always available. He always gives perfect advice. His motives are always pure. He is truly the Wonderful Counsellor.

Psalms 16:7 **I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel:** my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. 8: I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, **I shall**

not be moved. 9: Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

You and I are always on solid ground when we listen to the wisdom and counsel of God. He is not a distant deity. We need His counsel, because we do not know it all. It is only by going to the Wonderful Counsellor Jesus that we have any hope at all. Yet how few will go to Him.

Closing Thoughts

Jesus Christ is a Wonderful Counsellor. Do you see Him as Wonderful and Counsellor? If you have not, seek Jesus Christ, obey His counsel, and you will not regret that you ever listened to His voice, and heard it, and lived.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Christians are you seeking His counsel daily? Do you have a big decision to make? Oh, listen to your Counsellor. Call unto Him and He will show you great and mighty things you know not of. He is a Wonderful Counsellor!

AMEN!