



## “Wonderful Counselor”

Isaiah 9:6-7 & Selected Scriptures

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This morning we begin a new series of Christmas sermons based on Isaiah Chapter 9 and Verses 6 and 7. The title of this series is “The Perfect Name.”

As we get started I want to let you know about a song that I was reminded of during my preparations this week. It is not a Christmas carol at all. Rather, I would think it would have to be classified as country-western. It is a song sung by Johnny Cash. And the name of the song is “A Boy Named Sue.”

That song tells the story of a boy that was deserted by his father at a young age. That father did nothing but abandon that boy and saddle him with that feminine name, Sue. That boy had to grow up scrapping and fighting with all of the bullies that were teasing him and making fun of him because of that name. As you might imagine, life was tough for a boy named Sue.

As the boy got older, he also got bitter. He decided that he was going to track down and kill the man who gave him that awful name. So as the song draws to its close, Sue finally tracked his daddy down. He found his dad playing cards and drinking beer in a bar somewhere. He walked up to his dad and said, “Hello, my name is Sue! How do you do! Now you’re going to die.”

And as they brawled, the dad found a moment to explain himself. He said, “Look, son, you can kill me now and I think you have the right, but I gave you that name because I knew that I would not be around and you were going to have to get tough or die. And I’ll tell you what, son, I think it did the trick because that was quite a fight you just put up, and it did in fact toughen you up. So, in the end, that young man came away knowing that his dad gave him that name with a purpose.

So with that in mind, I want for us to travel back 700 hundred years prior to the birth of Christ for in a much more elevated and sanctified way, but also in a very purposeful way, the perfect name was set apart for the Christ.

This prophetic naming ceremony came in the midst of a chaotic and troubled time in Israel’s history. As we have been studying these past months, it was during the years of the fractured divided kingdom with the Kingdom of Israel to the north and the Kingdom of Judah to the south. But both kingdoms were filled with sin, iniquity, bloodshed, drunkenness, materialism, idolatry, and just about every kind of corruption that you can imagine.

Meanwhile, the Assyrian invasion—that Great White Shark to the east, Assyria—it was looming large and gloom was increasing across the landscape of Israel, landscape that had once gleamed with the glory of God’s presence. But this increasing darkness was not a new darkness, it was the same darkness released into the world at the beginning of time when Adam and Eve followed the counsel of the serpent, of Satan himself. And they rebelled against the goodness of God.

Hence, unleashing all manner of untold sorrow and iniquity into the planet earth. And it has been a world in darkness and in bondage to sin ever since.

And into that context at the local level and at the more general level, Isaiah was given this prophetic vision of the birth and the reign of Christ Jesus the King of kings, the light of the world. God's purposes for His Messiah were made known in the fourfold name being bestowed upon Him. That name is revealed in Verse 6, but let's start by reading the entire unity which is contained in Isaiah Chapter 12 and Verses 1 through 7, where more and more of Christ is made known to us.

**<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.**

**<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
had seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.**

**<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

**<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.**

**<sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

**<sup>6</sup>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.**

**<sup>7</sup>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.**

And because the Lord of Hosts has spoken to us, we say AMEN, and may God bless the reading of His Word.

Once again, the final line of this prophecy that we have just read, in it we are reminded of the zeal of God the Father for the reign of God the Son. He has throughout all time and all eternity been zealous for Christ to be exalted. For even at the beginning of the world when the curse was issued in response to our sin, God pronounced that the Champion would come. And He proclaimed it upon the head of the serpent, upon Satan himself, the evil counselor.

As we read in Genesis Chapter 3 and Verse 15, God speaking to the serpent:

**<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the serpent  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.**

And Satan did in fact inflict pain upon the Christ at the cross but at the cross, it was the Christ who delivered the fatal blow upon the skull of the serpent. And Christ is the one who is to rule now and forevermore. And here we have this majestic prophecy of the coming of the Christ who is the one who will reign forever and who is the light of the world.

In this portion of Scripture that we have read through, we have glimpses both of His first coming and His second coming. His first advent and His second, and for this we praise God that He is going to reign forever.

Throughout the pages of Scripture, many names are given to Christ the Lord. Every single one of them carries vast significance, defining both His character and His purpose. Even the most familiar name that we know as His first name, Jesus, is loaded with significance for it means *the Lord saves*.

Here in this text four more names are given to Him, and I am sure that you noticed them. I have them highlighted in gold!

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How refreshing those names are in the midst of the darkness that we have read about in our study in Isaiah and the darkness that we know is surrounding us in this world, and even the darkness that we still sense within us of our own lingering sin. Christ is all of these things for us and unto us! He is our gracious, gracious King who has power to redeem.

Now in Hebrew culture, when you named someone with a certain name, it meant far more than just giving them a first name added to their surname so as to identify that person in the midst of other people. When you named someone in Hebrew culture, it defined not only who they were but what they were to be. And Christ was called those things because He would be those things.

This month we have the joy of thinking about the perfect fourfold name of Christ as revealed here through Isaiah the prophet. This morning we are going to start with the first name given, “His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor.”

I want for us to start this morning by understanding what these two words in this first aspect of His name means. After thinking about that, we are going to take a little bit of a voyage from Isaiah’s picture into the future to see a couple of ways in which Christ was the Wonderful Counselor during His years here on earth, and how He continues to be just that. Let’s start by thinking about these two words. What is it that He is Wonderful Counselor? What does this mean.

Now the word “wonderful” has taken on something of a romantic nuance in our time. We typically use the word wonderful when we are talking about something pleasant, dreamy, and something that we enjoy very much. So even this weekend you might have heard me say something like, “Oh the homemade chicken pot pies that Kristy made on Friday night were wonderful.”

Or I might say, “Hey, the weather and the waves that we had the week of Thanksgiving were wonderful!” Even this morning, I said to a brother, “Let’s have a wonderful Lord’s Day,” not thinking of the full significance of the word wonderful.

Understand that that dreamy, pleasantness is not what the Bible is talking about when it is talking about wonderful. Sure, it includes that, but it also includes so much more.

Biblically speaking, a wonder is a sign or a miracle. It is something that is astonishing and breathtaking because it is supernatural in its nature. I think that the word *wondrous* might be more helpful for us, because it is something that strikes the heart as astounding because it is supernatural and miraculous. It is a work of God. He is Wonderful Counselor.

We also need to think about that word *counselor* because perhaps when many of us think about the counselor, we think of the office of a psychologist. We think of the therapy that we might receive in that place. As valuable as a psychologist or a therapist coming from a biblical and Christian world view is, this is not the kind of counselor that is in view in this text.

Rather, in those biblical days, a counselor was an official of the royal court. He was one who advised the king in terms of various courses of action that should and could be taken. That is what a counselor was.

This is where it gets really interesting in view of what is in the text, because the child spoken of in this text, He Himself is the King. Verse 7 informs us that He is going to reign upon a throne and that He is going to reign over a kingdom. Furthermore, this text teaches us that His government and His peace, they are going to increase indefinitely. They are going to keep on expanding. So His reign is never going to end. It is eternal. It is infinite. It is going to be expanding with the wonders of His wisdom and His love.

We would expect that such a king would need hundreds of counselors and advisors feeding Him ideas and paths forward. But his King needs no other to advise Him. He is His own counselor. And He is the Wonderful, Wonderous Counselor! He is totally unique.

This passage is teaching us that there is miraculous power in His wisdom, in His counsel, in His instruction to transform things and to make them new. This, brothers and sisters, is the case at the wide, global level where Christ is going to change the world, and it is true at the particular and individual level where Christ is changing life.

God does these things by the power of His truth; by the power of His Word; by His Wonderful Counselor; by His wonderous instruction. As we read earlier in Isaiah Chapter 1, He upholds all things by the power of His Word. He is the Wonderful Counselor! This King is utterly distinct. This is Ruler is like no other, because this King is divine.

He is the Godman. This is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God, adding to Himself humanity. Taking on human flesh. Ruling and reigning forever as Immanuel, who is God with us. And throughout the pages of Scripture, the deity of Christ is taught from beginning to end.

We might think of the statements of His deity, the fact that He is God to be concentrated in the New Testament. I go first to Colossians Chapter 2 and Verse 9:

**<sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily**

But the Old Testament states His deity as well. And what we have here in the prophecy of Isaiah is a crystal-clear teaching that Christ is God incarnate. Next week we are going to talk about that more. What is the second of the wonderful names? He is Mighty God, and we look forward to exploring this.

But what we see here is that Christ is King. He is the Wonderful Counselor. And the time is coming when His wisdom is going to be released like a flood upon the earth and the power of His Word is going to transform everything. His Wonderful Counselor is already being released through the Gospel and through the teaching of Scripture everywhere.

Isaiah had all of these prophecies that we have been reading and studying in this first segment in Isaiah Chapter 1 through Chapter 12. And we saw that Christ reigns and He is going to put His reign on display. I'm looking forward to the Millenium and to the Eternal State!

But what I want to do right now is to think about how Christ releases His counsel, wisdom, and His power-packed truth even today to bring transformation into the lives of His people. So with this being the case, I want to take you forward just knowing how badly we need His counsel.

I want for us to go forward into the life of Christ and look at a couple of vitally important statements that He made about the power of His Word, which is His counsel. We will go into the Gospel of John, where we will see that Jesus has wonderful counsel.

Jesus has wonderful counsel first to set you free from the bondage of sin. Then we will see a second occasion where it is revealed that He has wonderful counsel to make your life prolific with fruitfulness for the Kingdom now, already, in advance as a precursor of what is come.

First, Jesus has wonderful counsel:

### **1. To set you free from bondage to sin (John 8:31-36)**

This moment that we are about to look at, it takes us to the Feasts of the Booths or the Feast of the Tabernacles in the days when Christ was on the earth.

What would happen is that all of the pilgrims of Israel would gather in Jerusalem, but they would be living in huts or tents, really small grass-thatched structures with wood frames and palm branch roofs. They would have the Feast of Booths to celebrate the faithfulness of God through their wilderness journeys.

So it was a festive, joyful time and Jesus was in the temple courts when Israel was gathered together. He was teaching the people and had just revealed to them, “I am the light of the world.” And as He was teaching those with believing hearts, we also know that the Pharisees were there too, butting in and interrupting. Jesus declared very clearly in this text that they were under the dominion of Satan, and Satan is still at work opposing the truth of Christ.

So we see this bondage that Jesus delivers His people from. Let’s see how Jesus sets His people, His church, His chosen ones, His elect free; how He sets us free from the bondage of sin.

**<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**

**<sup>32</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”**

The text that we just read would indicate that there was a massive level of delusion at work among the Jews of Jesus’ day. “We have never been enslaved to anyone.” In fact, there was scarcely a world power that they were not at one point conquered by.

In fact, they were there celebrating deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Then in time, came the Assyrian captivity and Babylonian captivity of Judah. Then came Greece. Now they were under Roman dominion and under Rome.

They might not have been slaves, but they certainly were not free. So these people were butting into the teaching of Jesus, saying, “What are you talking about setting us free? We are already free. We have never been enslaved at all.”

And I wonder how many of us Americans today have this same delusion? In fact among the nations of the world, we can praise God for the many, many freedoms that we have. And let’s pray that they continue to ring. Yet, people are in bondage everywhere. Everywhere! Bondage is all around us, because we keep on practicing forms of behavior that are sinful and destructive.

Jesus talked about and clarified this. This is exactly what He was talking about. It so multifaceted. There is slavery to pride and arrogance, the sense that I am better than the rest and I deserve more than what others get. There is the slavery in many cases to alcohol and substances.

There is slavery to deceptiveness, we get caught in the temptation to tells lies and we keep on telling lies. There is temptation to various forms of sexual sin, including fornication which is any sexual contact outside of marriage, including homosexuality and pornography. There are all kinds of sexual sin that people are in bondage to.

There is bitterness and anger that can’t be let go of. We could go on all day with the different manifestations of sinful bondage, each having its own crowd of prisoners chained hand and foot, most being pulled in many different directions by different particular species of sinful dominion.

It is a horrible taskmaster and this is what Jesus was talking about as He clarified.

Verse 34:

**<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I say to you**

Jesus teaches with authority to us! Not saying, “Thus saith the Lord,” like the prophets did. He is the Lord! “Truly, truly I say to you.” This is the Wondrous Counselor speaking on the full basis of His divine authority.

**<sup>34</sup>“Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”**

You will be free indeed!

The culture that we live in likes to use the language of addiction, but the Bible does not use the language of addiction. The Bible uses the language of bondage, repeatedly. This is the King, the Wondrous Counselor, speaking of His power and His instruction to deliver you and to set you free from sin.

Here Jesus spoke forth about the wonderful doctrine of redemption that we have been singing about all morning—that the Redeemer sets the captives free through the payment of a ransom. That ransom is the blood of the Messiah that would be shed at the Passover.

Jesus sets the captives free! There is power in His truth. First of all, the power comes from His person because at the end of this passage, Jesus said, “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

The power is in the person and the power the person is, it comes in His Word. The Word of Christ first in the Gospel and then in the full counsel of the power packed God. It is filled with power from heaven to set sinners free and to release the captives. Hallelujah, Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor who works wonders and has the ability to do so. It is Christ and Christ alone.

What a merciful Savior that He does this! Jesus sets His people free. Those coming to Him, confessing their sin saying, “I need a savior. I need forgiveness and I need the freedom that only He can give.”

Jesus sets us free on three levels, each in relation to sin. Jesus sets us free first from the penalty of sin. Sin offends the holiness of God and the wrath of God abides on those who do not have their sins forgiven. But when you come to faith in Christ, saying, “I’m a sinner. I need forgiveness,” you are forgiven and you are forgiven entirely. Your sin is washed away. Your sin is detached and removed from you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us along the guilt of our transgression. Jesus is the one, the singular, the only Savior who can do this. Praise God that the captives are set free. Rejoice in this, oh church. He sets you free from the penalty of sin.

He also sets you free from the power of sin. When you come to Christ, the shackles are removed. He sets you free from the enslaving power of sin. Being set free from the penalty of sin is immediate. Being set free from the power of sin, it increases throughout this life. There is the beautiful picture of the prison door being opened, but there is still something lingering in us. There is still the remnant of Adam that is still within us, and we still feel the temptation to sin.

For many of you, I wonder how long it took after receiving Christ as Lord and receiving the Spirit that you realized that there is still a battle here, because there is. BUT, there is power in the counsel of the Christ and in the Word of the Messiah to transform our desires so that instead of wanting and longing to sin, we are going to long for the holiness of the Lord to be growing in our lives. And there is newness of life that Jesus the Emancipator gives to those who were enslaved in sin.

He is the Wonderful Counselor and He sets you free ultimately, not only from the penalty of sin, not only from the power of sin throughout this life but ultimately, He sets you free from any presence of sin whatsoever!



Some day you are going to shed that mortal flesh and even though the pain of separation is hard, hallelujah for the Christian, you are going into the glory of God and you are going to be released from the body that is still infected with the remnants of sin.

Then your soul is going to spring into the glory of Paradise and someday He is going to give you a resurrection body. Then you will never feel any kind of desire for sin at all. You are going to be fully set free from sin, just to be rejoicing forevermore with total freedom in the Kingdom.

I think it is like realizing things like not having a cold anymore. In this life we get a cold and sometimes it takes weeks, but finally there comes the moment when we realize we don't have a stuffy nose any longer. The cold is gone! Likewise in Heaven, we will realize that the sin is gone and that we are totally set free from it all.

So praise God for Jesus the Redeemer. It is His Gospel and His Gospel alone that saves and redeems sinners. It is the beautiful, glorious teaching that the Messiah was crucified to the cross, paying the penalty for our sin; that He paid the price to set you free and that He was raised on the third day. This is the one and only truth.

The evil counselor is still at work trying to convince people that there are multiple truths, but Jesus had a curious repeated pattern of using the definite article talking about the truth, the truth, the truth, which is the Gospel, which is the Bible, which is the wonderful full counsel of the Wonderful Counselor.

Jesus has wonderful counsel to set you free from the bondage of sin. Second, Jesus has wondrous counsel:

## **2. To make your life prolific with fruitfulness (John 15:7-11)**

I'm talking about spiritual fruit.

Our second moment with Jesus takes us to the eve of His crucifixion. It was the Passover weekend and Jesus was in the Upper Room with His disciples, sharing the Passover meal with them that He was transforming into the Lord's Supper.

Jesus was giving His disciples some last time of instruction. He taught them. The Gospel of John, Chapters 14 through 16, contains the most extensive body of instruction from Christ that is recorded in the Bible. Here He preached on all kinds of wonderful topics, including the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; the peace that He alone can give; additional doctrinal truth from God that would be revealed in the New Testament—that they would be persecuted, but they would have power in the Holy Spirit to persevere even amidst the persecution and to persevere with joy when filled the Spirit.

But here at the heart of this Upper Room Discourse, is the image and illustration that Jesus gave of the vine and the branches; that the followers of Christ are to be attached to Christ, Christ being the vine and them being the branches. And only as we have this vital connection with Christ and His power flowing through us, that we are going to bear fruit.

Let's get to the heart of this as Jesus applied it in John Chapter 15 and Verses 7 through 11

**<sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy might be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Here is the Wonderful Counselor speaking joyous realities and truths into the lives of His disciples. At the heart of this is the fruitfulness that is to characterize the Christian life.

This is the fruit of Christ-likeness. We are talking about Jesus' fruit. When we are bearing fruit we are seeing qualities and good deeds coming from our lives that benefit other people and nourish them in the name of Jesus. We are bearing fruit that is going to nourish people. This is the fruitful Christian life.

So there are various ways in which Christ is going to bring fruit from the lives of His people. It may be that you have a gracious and forgiving spirit toward somebody who has hurt you. And your grace is going to be something uncommon, just like the grace that comes to us in the Messiah.

It may be that you spend an afternoon listening to and praying for somebody who is experiencing pain and difficulty and suffering in their life. It may be that it is on your heart to provide resources to help a family in need so they can have Christmas presents under the tree. It could be that you will act upon a God-given desire to come along side and mentor somebody that is younger in the faith than you are.

There are so many different ways that Christ wants to bear fruit through His people. But in this passage we see that this comes through our union with the Wonderful, Wonderful Counselor. It is produced in us not by our own efforts, but by us being connected by Christ who is going to then produce fruit through us.

We see here that His Word is part of that with His Word abiding in us. The wonder-working counsel of the King is like the seed that bears fruit in our lives. We have this audacious statement in Verse 7:

**<sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you**

“If my truth, if my counsel is dwelling in you, abiding in you,”

**ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.**

Unlike Judas who fell away.

In this teaching Jesus was saying, “Linger in Me. Dwell consciously in My presence and let My Word be abiding in you. And My Word is going to perform wonders in your life. Let my Word be living in you. Be thinking upon My promises which are filled with power from God. Be thinking about My doctrines and even My commands.”

Because the Word of God is filled with power to bring transformation, Jesus was saying, “Hey look, if you are abiding in Me and if My truth is abiding in you, ask for the fruit that you would like to bear.” That is what is in context here. Ask the Father. Bear Fruit in Him, and Jesus just said flat-out, “It will be done for you.” That is the Wonderful Counselor making a pronouncement.

I think what we have here is very much akin to what James the brother of Jesus wrote in James Chapter 1. When you are in the midst of trials and your head is spinning because you are in the midst of difficult times and you know the truth that God wants and is at work to produce steadfastness and perseverance and maturity in you, but your head is spinning and you cannot figure out what’s going on, what did James say to do in the Spirit? What is the instruction? Ask God for wisdom. Ask the Lord to make it known to you.

“Lord, I am in the spin cycle. I don’t know why this is happening.” James was saying to go to God in faith, saying, “Lord, You can make this known to me and I am asking that You will make this known to me. Why is life crazy right now? How are You trying to produce increased maturity in me.”

And it says in James that God will give you that wisdom generously. He will be happy to do it. He will be glad to do it. One way or the other He will do it, either by just reading through Scripture and something lights up for you, or He will do it through the counsel of a friend. He is going to make it known to you.

Likewise, if you are abiding in Christ and if His Word is filling you up with His truth, you are being transformed by the renewing of your mind. If you want to be fruitful in this way, the Lord is saying, “I will do it.” And I’m sitting here thinking, “Jeff, ye of little faith. Why in the world aren’t you asking for much more fruit to be produced in your life?”

Jesus said that it will happen and what is this based on? It is all based on the love of Christ for His church. He loves you! He loves you infinitely, immeasurably, and it is His delight to bear fruit—pleasing fruit, nourishing fruit in the people of His church.

I cannot pass by the Gospel of John Chapter 15 and Verse 9 without commenting on the wonder and the glory of it for the disciples of Jesus and for those confessing sin, saying, “I need a savior and I need His teaching. I need Jesus.” You know that Jesus loves you, but how much does He love you? Jesus said:

**<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.**

How do you measure the love of the Father for the love of the Son? The Father's love for the Son, how do you measure that? Jesus has to appeal to an otherworldly measurement to indicate to us His love for us.

Oh, the wonders of His love. Isn't there a Christmas song that talks about the wonders of His love? His love is wonderous. He has power to transform; to know that we are fully accepted in the Messiah; that we have a place in His heart and in His Kingdom, and that He desires and intends to bear fruit through us. And Jesus is saying, "I love you more than you can possibly know." So let's call upon Him to bear fruit.

If the Father is zealous for the reign of God the Son and will bring about His Kingdom, God the Son is zealous for His reign and His rule to flourish in your life. And the zeal of the King of kings will bring it about and He will do it through His Wonderful Counselor through the power of His instruction.

Beware of Satan, the deceiver. He lingers still, seeking to lead you away from the truth that is in Jesus. So instead, read the Bible. Application Number One: Read the Bible! Second: Listen to teaching and preaching about the Bible in a believing way, asking the Lord to increase your faith. Read books. Read confessions. Read creeds that explain the Bible. Sing the Bible. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly because He is the Wondrous Counselor.

Let's pray.