

Pele-Yaats – Wonderful Counselor

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 – miraculous, astounding, awesome

Counselor – one who advises, guides, admonishes, encourages, instructs

The mighty God – strong, powerful

The everlasting Father – eternal, always the same, without beginning or end, familial nurturing, relationship

The Prince of Peace – the ruler, source of contentment, rest, freedom from fear

Jesus is the perfect counselor.

His counsel springs from His union with the Holy Spirit, His obedience to the Father, and His wisdom rooted in God's Word.

Isaiah 11:2 - And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

His counsel is perfect, amazing

Isaiah 28:29 - This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

His counsel is absolute, irrefutable.

Psalms 21:30 - There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

His counsel will withstand all scrutiny, extend to every generation and every culture and remain permanent, forever.

Psalms 33:11 - The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

His counsel is always available, enabling us to navigate well throughout our entire life on earth

Psalms 73:24 - Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

His counsel never wavers and is never withdrawn

Hebrews 6:17-19 - Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

God's people are provided with counsel

Through God's Word

Psalms 1-6 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the **law of the LORD**; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall

be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 17:4 - Concerning the works of men, by the **word of thy lips** I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

2 Peter 1:2-4 - Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Psalm 107:10-15 - Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; **Because they rebelled against the words of God**, and contemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Jeremiah 23:22 - But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to **hear my words**, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

Through God's messengers, people

1Chronicles 27:32 - Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons:

Daniel 2:14 - Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

Daniel 4:27 - Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

Acts 20:27 - For I [Paul] have not shunned to declare unto you all the **counsel of God**.

Proverbs 11:14 - Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 20:5 - Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Through God's Spirit as His Word is heard

John 14:15-23 - If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

To be right, counsel must be in accordance to the counsel of God in His Word.

Evil counsel

2 Chronicles 22:3 - He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

Counsel without knowledge of God

Job 38:2 - Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

Counsel without prayer

Joshua 9:14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

Counsel from the young and inexperienced

1 Kings 12:8 - But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

Counsel from those who sound good, but aren't God's servants

2 Kings 18:20 - Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

Counsel dependant on one's own reasoning and emotions

Proverbs 12:15 - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Counsel that refuses to reprove when necessary

Proverbs 1:25 - But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

Our counsel is to follow Christ's example.

- Jesus was a master at asking questions in order to provoke conviction or bring enlightenment.
- Jesus knew when to end a counseling session and how to direct a confrontation to the real heart issues.
- Jesus never lost His temper or became impatient.
- Jesus never acted apart from the Father or inconsistent with the Scriptures.
- Jesus never minimized a problem.
- Jesus never overwhelmed people. He never quenched the smoking flax.
- Jesus was patient, kind, direct and to the point.
- Jesus gently led people toward increased faith and growth and never condemned those who looked to him for help.
- Jesus goal was always to increase the understanding of his listeners and enlighten them with truth.
- Jesus used the Scriptures masterfully and applied them appropriately.
- Jesus utilized examples and illustrations the people could relate to.
- Jesus always spoke with wisdom and humility

Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Proverbs 19:20