

Is Jesus Your Counselor?

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A second name given to Jesus Christ by Isaiah the prophet is **"Counselor."** Everyone with a bit of wisdom knows the value of impartial, objective counseling. The "LORD of hosts" is "wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance" (Isaiah 28:29). Jehovah describes His Son, the future perfect King of Israel, to be **Counselor!** Furthermore, He would be endowed with "the Spirit of the Lord . . . **the Spirit of counsel and might**" (Isaiah 11:2). When Jesus Christ came to the earth, He would be the perfect Counselor, with not one word of His wisdom failing!

Who wouldn't want a Counselor like that? Everything He said, taught, and did was perfect. Whatever counsel He might give would be exactly the advice one needs. Jesus Christ offers us His guiding **mind** to help us *think*, His guiding **heart** to help us *feel*, and His guiding **hand** to help us *act!* Problems and enigmas are not impossible for Him Who is omniscient!

Dear reader, the question we must pose for your consideration now is this: **Do you go to Jesus for perfect counseling and advice?** If so, then you are the disciple of Jesus you ought to be. If not, then you must ask yourself why you do not. God's people have not always been wise enough to listen to the counsel of the Savior. To the church at Laodicea, Jesus said: **"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see"** (Rev. 3:18). Obviously this worldly Christians were not listening to Jesus Christ through His Word! From their own subjective perspective they believed that they were **rich, wealthy, and in need of nothing!** Jesus said that from His perfect objective perspective they were the exact opposite: **wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked** (v. 17)! What a vast chasm between these two judgments! Which one is correct? Jesus' judgment is correct. He is the perfect Counselor. He does not see things with the slanted eye of prejudice or preference. He sees things as they truly are. It is up to us to believe Him, and change.

Where Is His Counsel Found?

"Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors" (Ps. 119:24). *"The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;... the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes"* (Ps. 19:7-8). If you would be wise, and enlightened, then turn to the Word of God for your counsel and advice. It's that simple.

Reading God's Word is not the same as *accepting* His counsel. One must be sure that he does what that advice tells him. The Christian must be wary that he does **not** "...walk in the counsel of the ungodly" (Ps. 1:1). Unfortunately, many professed Christians listen to the advice of man over the counsel of the Lord when it comes to such things as:

- **Marriage**
- **Child-rearing**
- **Religion**
- **Finances**
- **Long-term planning**

How many Christians do you know today who still believe in "the rod of correction" (Prov. 22:15)? Is God's inspired wisdom in Proverbs now outdated, or have we simply been deceived by the worldly-wise, and our own desire to avoid the unpleasant? Does the world still believe in the sanctity of marriage? Is one church as good as another? Is the income you make weekly yours and yours alone? Is euthanasia acceptable in some circumstances? You see, my friends, how easily we can be led away from the Counsel of Jesus Christ and into the foolish advice of the wicked. *"The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples"* Psalm 33:10. **Trust in the Lord.**

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