

## Sermon: “*Jesus: The Most Wonderful Counselor You Can Have*”

Isaiah 8:19-20; 9:1-2, 6

### I. The Wonderful Counselor's *profile*

#### A. His character

**Isaiah 40:11** “He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.”

**Isaiah 42:3** “A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out.”

**Psalms 32:8-9** “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.”

#### B. His knowledge, understanding and experience

**Psalms 139:1-4** “O LORD, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O LORD.”

**Job 12:13** “To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are His.”

**Hebrews 4:13** “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

**Psalms 147:5** “Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.”

**Hebrews 4:15-16** “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are -- yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

### II. The Wonderful Counselor's *precepts*

**Psalms 119:24** “Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.”

**II Timothy 3:16-17** “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

**Romans 15:4** “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

### III. The Wonderful Counselor's *promises*

**Philippians 1:6** “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

**Romans 8:38-39** “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**II Corinthians 1:20** “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ.”

**Hebrews 13:5** “God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

### IV. The Wonderful Counselor's *provision*

**I John 4:10** “This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

**John 14:6-7** “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever -- the Spirit of truth.”

**Isaiah 45:22** “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”