

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

The Neverending Story

"The Lord spoke to me with His strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. He said: ... The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread, and He will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel He will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem He will be a trap and a snare."

Isaiah 8:11, 13

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"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9:2

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

"When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?"

Isaiah 8:19

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

Proverbs 15:22

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

Matthew 1:21

"Go and sin no more." John 5:14; 8:11

Paul said it this way: "...we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling

block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

The counselors of this world CAN help you with your problems. But they can only help you so much.

"He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness."

Hebrews 5:2

"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." Hebrews 4:15

You see: Jesus understands our problems. He's sympathetic to our failure.

But He's too good a counselor to just let us do what we want and ignore the consequences.

He knows our problems and He has counsel to help us deal with our sins.

The key is this: listen to and follow His advice.

Have you made that decision yet?

Jesus wants to be your "wonderful counselor", but in order to be that kind of counselor to you, He must first be the child that is given, and the Son that is born to you.

Has Jesus been born in you?

Corrie ten Boom once said, "If Jesus were born one thousand times in Bethlehem and not in me, then I would still be lost."

