

Broken Christmas: Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6

📖 Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) “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.”

📖 Judges 13:18 (ESV) “...the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?”

📖 Isaiah 28:29 (NIV) “All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom.”

1. His **delivery** is **certain**.

📖 Isaiah 9:1 (NIV) “Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan...”

📖 Isaiah 9:2 (NIV) “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.”

2. His **care** is **constant**.

📖 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

📖 John 14:27 (NIV) “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

📖 Romans 15:13 (NIV) “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

📖 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (NIV) “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

3. His **perspective** is **infinite**.

📖 Psalm 147:5 (NIV) “Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.”

📖 Isaiah 9:6 (NET) “For a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us. He shoulders responsibility and is called: Extraordinary Strategist, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

📖 Romans 8:28 (NASB) “...God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

📖 Psalm 139:1–5 (NLT) “O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my

thoughts even when I’m far away. ³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. ⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. ⁵ You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.”

4. His **experience** is **definite**.

📖 Hebrews 4:15 (NIV) “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.”

📖 Isaiah 53:3 (NIV) “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.”

5. His **resources** are **limitless**.


📖 Philippians 4:19 (NET) “And my God will supply your every need according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

📖 James 1:17 (NIV) “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

📖 Acts 17:25 (NIV) “...He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.”

📖 Ephesians 3:16–17 (NLT) “I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.”

Digging Deeper: Christ’s position as our Wonderful Counselor means we can

 trust Him to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction (Proverbs 3:6). We can be sure He is listening because He told us to pray to Him about our worries (Philippians 4:6; James 1:5). We can be certain He has our best interests at heart because He loves us (1 John 4:19). And His love is so wide and deep (and wonderful) that we cannot fully understand it (Romans 5:8). What do you need to unload today?