

"The Wonder Counselor" *Isaiah 9:6*

I. Accurate Diagnosis

Hebrews 2:17-18 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:15 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 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.

John 2:24-25 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. 25 He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man. (NIV)

II. Appropriate Prescription

1. A good counselor is not just sympathetic.
2. A good counselor must know how to help.
3. There are examples of a number of poor counselors in the Bible.
4. We also see several examples of good counsel.

1 Kings 3:16-27

5. Jesus is the wisest Counselor because His wisdom is from the throne room of Heaven.

Rom. 11:34 *"For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?"*

- a. First, He tells us the truth.
- b. Second, Jesus tells us to trust what He has done for us.

Matthew 20:28 The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- c. Third, our Counselor gives us a prescription for life that will help us continue to live a spiritually healthy life.

John 14:21,23-24 "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him" ... "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."

III. Appreciable Results