

THE COMING KING/WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

AS WE BEGIN OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON, IT IS VERY EASY TO GET CAUGHT UP IN TRADITION. PRESENTS TO BUY, FAMILY TO SEE (THAT CAN GET WEIRD), TREES TO DECORATE, LIGHTS ON THE HOUSE, AND SO ON, AND SO ON. NOTHING IS WRONG WITH THIS, AS LONG AS WE KEEP THE MAIN THING, IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS. THIS YEAR JOE AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO FOCUS ON THE PERSON AND CHARACTER OF JESUS CHRIST. AFTER ALL, HE IS THE KING THAT HAS COME ONCE, AND WILL ASSUREDLY RETURN. OUR CULTURE, WILL PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE SHOPPING, FAMILY GATHERINGS, AND THE "SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS". A FAT MAN IN A RED SUIT BECOMES THE FOCUS TO MANY. LITTLE NONTHREATNING BABY JESUS IN THE MANGER EVEN GETS A SHOUT OUT BUT CONFESSING HE IS GOD, WELL, THAT STUMBLES MANY IN THIS WORLD... JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOR, SACRIFICE, SECOND IN THE GODHEAD, SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SINNER, & RESSURECTED KING. THE GOD MAN CAME INTO THIS WORLD NOT TO CONDEMN US, BUT TO SAVE US. HE IS THE BEST GIFT GOD EVER GAVE TO US. HIS KINGDOM HAS COME NOW, BUT IS NOT YET FULLFILLED. THE LAW & THE PROPHETS FORETOLD OF HIM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WRITINGS. THEN, BORN OF A VIRGIN, HE

LIVED A SINLESS LIFE, TAUGHT US ABOUT THE FATHER'S HEART, WILLINGLY DIED IN OUR PLACE, AND TRIUMPHANTLY RESSURECTED TO CONQUER SIN, DEATH, AND HELL FOR ALL THOSE THAT REPENT & BELIEVE

ISAIAH PROPHESED ABOUT HIM 700 YEARS PRIOR TO HIS BIRTH

Isaiah 9:6 ESV

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

TODAY WE WILL FOCUS ON JESUS CHRIST, WONDERFUL COUNCELOR

WONDERFUL ...HEBREW/PELE'/PEELAH/ FULL OF WONDERS, MIRACLES, ASTOUNDING THINGS

WEBSTERS DICTIONARY/RAPT ATTENTION OR ASTONISHMENT AT SOMETHING AWESOMELY MYSTERIOUS OR NEW TO ONE'S EXPERIENCE

JESUS BLEW PEOPLE AWAY WITH HIS WISDOM AND HIS
MIRACLES, EVEN AS A YOUNG BOY

Luke 2:46-47ESV

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

AMAZED/EXISTEMI/OUT OF YOUR MIND-SENSES
ASTONISHED

COUNCELOR / YO ' ES(YAH EES) / ONE WHO GIVES
ADVICE AND DIRECTION, WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT
THE ADVICE GIVEN IS WISE AND VALUABLE

JESUS IS THE ONLY PERSON THAT HAS EVER LIVED ON
THIS EARTH THAT WAS AND IS STILL PERFECT IN HIS
COUNCIL
IT IS ALWAYS PERFECT WISDOM FROM THE MOUTH OF
THE FATHER

I THINK IT IS FITTING FOR US TODAY, TO LOOK AT SOME
OF THE THINGS JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES AND HIS
ENEMIES. AFTER ALL, HE HOLDS THE WORDS OF LIFE
AND ETERNAL WISDOM, ONLY FOUND IN GOD

BLESSED/MAKARIOS/FORTUNATE, IN A POSITION OF
RECEIVING GOD'S FAVOR/HAPPY/GOOD

Matthew 5:2-11 ESV

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

VERSE 9/HUIOS/CHILDREN

Matthew 6:25-27 ESV

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

ANXIOUS/GREEK/MERIMNAO/WORRY, ANXIETY

Matthew 6:33ESV

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

SEEK/ZETEO/ZEETEHO/STRIVE FOR/SET YOUR HEART ON

Matthew 5:27-29ESV

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

JESUS CALLS US HIGHER THAN THE LAW BECAUSE HE FULLFILLED IT DEAL WITH LUST RUTHLESSLY/WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT HIS HOLY SPIRIT'S HELP

Matthew 5:43-45 ESV

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

ALL THESE HAVE BEEN WISE WORDS FROM THE MASTER JESUS CHRIST. WE WOULD BE FOOLISH TO DISREGARD TRUTH NOT TO ADJUST OUR LIVES TO IT. WE WOULD ALSO BE FOOLISH TO THINK WE COULD DO ANY OF THESE THINGS WITHOUT HIS HELP THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE CAN'T... BUT HE CAN BECAUSE HE DID

FINALLY, I WILL READ WHAT JESUS COUNCILS US ON WHO HE IS SPECIFICALLY

John 10:9 ESV

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:14-16 ESV

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

ONE PEOPLE, ONE BODY OF BELIEVERS WITH ONE KING

John 14:1-6 ESV

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

WE NO LONGER NEED TO FEAR DEATH

John 11:25-26ESV

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

THE ONE WHO CAN'T LIE SAYS THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH FAITH IN HIM HE CAME, HE COUNCELED, HE PERFORMED WONDERFUL MIRACLES TO PROVE HE WAS GOD IN HUMAN FLESH, HE WILLINGLY WENT TO THE CROSS INNOCENT, HE DIED FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD, HE RESSURECTED SO THAT ALL WHO ARE HIS MAY HAVE LIFE ETERNAL AND WILL NOT SEE THE SECOND DEATH. PRAISE BE TO GOD!!

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