

Snapshots of Jesus (1) : The Wonderful Counselor Isaiah 9:6

I. Series Introduction: The Concept of Names in the Bible

- A. A name reflected the circumstances of a child's birth (Genesis 17:19, 25:25; Exodus 2:10).
- B. Sometimes very specialized names represented God's warnings (Isaiah 8:3; Hosea 1:6-9).
- C. Sometimes people's names were changed as a result of their new mission in life (Genesis 17:5; Matthew 16:16-19; Galatians 2:8).
- D. The names of God reveal the nature and character of God (Exodus 3:13, 20:7; Matthew 6:9).

II. Why do we need a Counselor?

- A. Life is an uncharted trail each of us travels (Proverbs 14:12).
- B. Our conscience is a good guide, but it is not infallible (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

III. Why is Jesus a "Wonderful Counselor"?

- A. Jesus always speaks the truth (Luke 23:34; John 18:37).
- B. Jesus provides freedom from guilt (Luke 23:43; Hebrews 9:14).

IV. Conclusion

God wants you to have a clean and strong conscience so you can live with peace and confidence.