

JUNE 27, 2021

"Ears that hear and Eyes that see"

LESSON 10

WE GET OUR BASIC EQUIPMENT FROM GOD! (Proverbs 20:12)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS @ 9:30AM

LAST DAY CLASS FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER.

Today theme is: *"Sevenfold Spirit"* pt 6

By Michael Koulianos, the author of Holy Spirit the One who makes Jesus real from chapter 12.

Theme is: "The Spirit of counsel"

The Bible says that the Lord is our Counselor and only He has counsel. Proverbs 8:14 KJV says, "Counsel is Mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength". Isaiah 9:6 ESV declares, "...His Name shall be called 'Wonderful, Counselor...'" The Lord is certainly our Counselor. Can you imagine that God is ready to give you advice to help you decide on pivotal issues, to warn you, and to instruct you? To take it a step further, we are invited by the Holy Spirit into the counsel of God. We literally have been given an open door to hear the conversation of the Trinity.

Jeremiah rebuked the false prophets of Israel for continually releasing false words of prophecy. He repeatedly said, "Repent because the Babylonians are coming. God is going to judge Israel." Over and over, he warned them, with tears in his eyes, to come back to the Lord. And when he would release the Word of God to the king and the king's counselors, they were outraged by it. Other prophets stood up and said, "The Babylonians are not coming, we will not be judged. God is going to bless Israel," and Jeremiah rebuked them.

Read Jeremiah 23:15-21.

This is amazing passage. In other words, the false prophets were false because they had not stood in the counsel of the Lord. They had not given God the time to lift their souls into the heavenly places so that they would be privy to the conversations of God. They spoke on their own accord because the Spirit of counsel was not flowing in their lives. Remember, Jesus said, "The Holy Spirit would not speak of Himself, but He will tell us of everything He hears that comes from the Father and the Son." (John 16:13) As you listen to the Holy Spirit, you are listening to the will of the Father that is administrated by the Son through the voice of the Holy Spirit. To be clear, to receive the counsel of the Holy Spirit is to receive the counsel of the Godhead. We are literally invited into the plans of God. God has a plan for America. God has a plan for the nations of the world. God has a plan for every stay-at-home mom in the world. He has a plan for your pastor, and He has a plan for your children. He has a plan for everything and everyone, and God wants to share that plan with us. God has a perfect plan for every service, every Bible study, and every soccer game.

When the Spirit of counsel is invited in through a hungry, yielded heart, God begins to speak to us and share His plans with us. This is so precious for many reasons. Can you believe that God is eager to share His dearest and deepest feelings with you, His friend? The Spirit of counsel opens your ears to the Mighty Counselor.

I have learned that is much easier to join what God is already doing than to attempt to get God to bless what I am doing. Early on in my ministry days, this was a real struggle for me. There was so much that I wanted to see happen in the meetings, and they were all wonderful ambitions. They were all biblical. I would strive and strive, and nothing would happen. I so badly wanted the sick to be healed. I wanted revival with every fiber of my being. I wanted the fire of God to sweep through our meetings. And to be honest, those things rarely happened. Finally, I realized that instead of trying to twist God's arm, I could simply wait and listen to Him. Once I sensed, saw, heard, or felt what He was doing. I learned simply to yield to that plan. That combination became a combustible reward. The power of God was released in those services. What was once dead quickly came to life. I realized that God had a plan for every moment of every day. Saying "YES" to that plan was the bridge that connected Heaven and Earth in the moment. Once that connection took place, I simply had to hold on for the ride.

I'll never forget telling Heidi Baker, "Heidi, I struggled for so many years, and then one day I sensed that Jesus just wanted to walk into our meeting—that if I could figure out a way to allure Him to walk through the services, He would come. So I just began to worship and wait, Heidi, and He came and did everything so much better, so much more powerfully." Heidi looked at me with a smile, and she said, "That's it. Isn't it way better that way?" Experiencing the Spirit of counsel leads us into an awesome realm called the Spirit of might.

THIS WEEK: Your intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Two way journaling response: Holy Spirit, what do You want to say to me about this subject or this experience in my own life?

DAY 1 (MONDAY): Meditate on the subject: "The Lord is our Counselor and only He has counsel". Good morning Holy Spirit, I believe You are the Spirit of counsel. Yes, I trust You as my Counselor. I see and help me to listen to You only You have counsel me with God's Word and guide me through the pages of the Bible. Show me any highlight on these verses and apply to my Christian walk with You. I trust You with all my heart. Thank You for being my Counselor. Amen.

DAY 2 (TUESDAY): Meditate on the subject: "Can you imagine that God is ready to give you advice to help you decide on pivotal issues, to warn you, and to instruct you?" Dear Spirit of counsel, I am surprise that You are ready to give me advice to help me to decide on what important issues, also give me a warning and instruct me what should I do with my life? Yes, I am willing and surrender all myself to You. I trust You, my Counselor and guide me. Thank You so much. Amen.

DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY): Meditate on the subject: Read Jeremiah 23:15 to 21. Holy Spirit, I am learning different between false prophet and true prophet. Help me to see the difference what the people are saying today and give discerning these words whether it comes from You Holy Spirit or not. Please teach me to check with You first before I made a decision. Thank You for being my Friend-Counselor. Amen.

DAY 4 (THURSDAY): Meditate on this subject: Holy Spirit, I read John 16:13. Wow! You did not speak for Yourself. You hear what Father is saying and is passing to me from my Father's heart. You have something plan for my life today? Show me what should I do today? Thank You. Amen.

DAY 5 (FRIDAY): Meditate on this subject: "When the Spirit of counsel is invited in through a hungry, yielded heart, God begins to speak to us and share His plans with us". I decide and say, "Yes, I am hungry more of God in my life and yes, I am yielding myself to You and I commit myself into Your hand. You are the One who controls my life. Your plan is perfect for me. Hallelujah. Thank You. Amen.

DAY 6 (SATURDAY): Meditate on this subject: "...instead of trying to twist God's arm, I could simply wait and listen to Him." O' Father, if I ever twist Your arm. I am truly sorry. I should have to wait and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Forgive me, O' Father. I appreciate that You give me the Spirit of counsel and He begins to work in me to willing and to do according to Your plan. Thank You. Amen.