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“Wonderful Counselor”

“Oh, that my people would listen to me...!” (Psalm 81:13)

Folly of Following Your Own Heart

Psalm 106:12-15 – (12) “Then they believed his words; they sang his praise. (13) But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. (14) But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; (15) he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them.”

Wait for God’s Counsel or *Waste* a Lot of Time

Inquired & Inspired

2 Samuel 5:17-25 – (17) “When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. But David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. (18) Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. (19) And David inquired of the LORD, ‘Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?’ And the LORD said to David, ‘Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand.’ (20) And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, ‘The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like a breaking flood.’ Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim. (21) And the Philistines left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away. (22) And the Philistines came up yet again and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. (23) And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, ‘You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. (24) And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.’ (25) And David did as the LORD commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.”

Acts 16:6-9 – (6) “And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. (7) And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. (8) So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. (9) And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”

Regret of the Unteachable

“Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, and you say, ‘How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.” (Proverbs 5:8-14)

Destruction of the Duplicitous

“I will stretch out my hand against...those who bow down on the roofs to the host of the heavens, those who bow down and swear to the LORD and yet swear by Milcom, those who have turned back from following the LORD, who do not seek the LORD or inquire of him.” (Zephaniah 1:4-6)

Reward of the Researcher

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.” (Psalm 1:1-2)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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