

# **"THE LORD AS OUR COUNSELOR"**

## **PROVERBS 19:21**

### **I. A CONTRAST IS PRESENTED BETWEEN THE "MANY" AS OPPOSED TO THE ONE**

- A. Many Possible Plans Are Devised In the Human Heart
- B. God's Singular Purpose Will Prevail Into Eternity
- C. When A Man Forms His Inner Circle Of Confidants, That Circle Will Be Incomplete And Useless Unless The Lord Is At The Head Of That Circle
- D. The Lord Is The Only Uncounseled Counselor In The Universe, And Is Therefore The Author And Source Of All Wise & Godly Strategies
- E. As The Very Speech Of God Christ Is Depicted As A *Wonderful Counselor* (Isaiah 9)
- F. And Yet His Ways Are *Past Finding Out* (Romans 11:33-35)

### **II. THERE IS A SPECIFIC MEANS OF OBTAINING THIS SINGULARLY EXCELLENT COUNSEL**

- A. One Must First Understand What Lies Behind Whatever Advice He Has To Give: His Own Inalienable Right To His Own Glory (Romans 11:36)
- B. One Then Presents His Body As A Living Sacrifice, As One Who Remains Unshaped By This Present Age (Romans 12:1-2)
  - 1. There Are Three Options Concerning Living For God's Glory
  - 2. Even If I Choose The Best Of The Three, I Will Still Wrestle With The Other Two
- C. One Can Accurately Assess Any Plan Or Strategy If The First Two Steps Are In Place