

Pneumatikos Counsel in the Church

The Spirit of Counsel and Might

Definitions of Terminology

Counselor, Counsel, Counsels, Consult

- ***Ya'ats*** – to advise, deliberate, or resolve. Used 80 times in O.T.
- ***Esa*** – advice, plan, prudence. Used 88 times in the O.T.
- ***Moesa*** – from ***ya'ats*** meaning a purpose. Used 7 times in O.T.

Consulted

- ***Ye'at*** from ***Ya'ats*** – to counsel, to consult

His Name is....Counselor

Isaiah 9:6-7 ⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called** Wonderful, **Counsellor**, [***ya'ats***] The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Romans 11:33-36 ³³ O the **depth** [***bathos***] of the riches both of the wisdom and **knowledge of God!** how unsearchable are **his judgments**, and **his ways past finding out!** [not tracked out, untraceable]

³⁴ For who hath known the **mind of the Lord?** [***kyrios*** – the supreme authority] or who hath been his **counsellor?** [***symboulos*** – a consulter, advisor] ³⁵ Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? ³⁶ For of him, and through him, and to him, are **all things:** to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

The Spirit of the Lord/Yahweh Resting/*Nuwach* - Counsel and Might

Isaiah 11:1-5 ¹ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [Messianic Prophecy] ² And the **spirit of the LORD** [**Yahweh**] shall **rest** [***nuwach***] upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the **spirit of counsel** [***ya'ats***] and **might**, [***gebura*** - force, valor, **victory from root meaning to be strong, to prevail, to act insisently**] the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall **not judge after the sight of his eyes**, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

-Yahweh Gives Counsel

Psalm 16:1-7 ¹ Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. ² O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; ³ But to the **saints** that are in the earth, and to the **excellent**, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips. ⁵ The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. ⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. ⁷ **I will bless the LORD**, [Yahweh] who hath given me **counsel**: [ya'ats] my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

-The Spirit of Yahweh Cannot Be Counseled or Taught

Isaiah 40:13-17 ¹³ Who hath directed the **Spirit of the LORD**, or being **his counsellor hath taught him**? ¹⁴ With whom took he **counsel**, [ya'ats] and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? ¹⁵ Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. ¹⁶ And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. ¹⁷ All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

Standing in the Counsel of Yahweh – My Counsel, My Words

-Standing

Jeremiah 23:18-22 ¹⁸ For who hath stood in the counsel [sod -a session, company of persons in close deliberation, intimacy, consultation, a secret; 21 times in O.T.] of the LORD, [Yahweh] and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The **anger of the LORD** shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. ²¹ **I have not sent these prophets**, yet they ran: **I have not spoken to them**, yet they prophesied. ²² But if [conditional terminology here] **they had stood [sod] in my counsel**, and **had caused my people to hear my words**, then they should have **turned them from their evil [ra] way**, [derek] and from the **evil [ra] of their doings**. [actions] [Outcomes of Releasing the Counsel of Yahweh to Individuals and People]

-Hearing

Jeremiah 49:20 ²⁰ Therefore **hear [shama] the counsel [esa] of the LORD**, [Yahweh] that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

Jeremiah 50:45-46 ⁴⁵ Therefore **hear [shama] ye the counsel [esa] of the LORD**, [Yahweh] that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them. ⁴⁶ At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Proverbs 19:21 ²¹ There are many **devices** in a man's heart; nevertheless the **counsel [advice, plan prudence] of the LORD, [Yahweh]** that shall **stand**.

A Nation Void of Counsel

Deuteronomy 32:19-28 ¹⁹ And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. ²⁰ And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are **a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith**. ²¹ They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. ²² For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. ²³ I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. ²⁴ They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. ²⁵ The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs. ²⁶ I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: ²⁷ Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this. ²⁸ For they are **a nation void [abad – to wander away, lose oneself, perish] of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them**.

The Counsel of Ahithophel

-A Man Enquiring at the Oracle of God

2 Samuel 16:20-23 ²⁰ Then said Absalom to **Ahithophel**, [David's Counselor -2 Samuel 15:12] Give **counsel** among you what we shall do. ²¹ And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. ²² So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. ²³ And the **counsel of Ahithophel**, which he **counselled** in those days, was as if **a man had enquired [sha'al] at the oracle of God**: so was all the **counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom**.

-The Counsel of Hushai vs. The Counsel of Ahithophel (Not a Competition, Which one is good or towb?)

2 Samuel 17:1-14 ¹ Moreover **Ahithophel said unto Absalom**, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: ² And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: ³ And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. ⁴ And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. ⁵ Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. ⁶ And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou. ⁷ And **Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good [towb] at this time**. ⁸ For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. ⁹

Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. ¹⁰ And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. ¹¹ Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. ¹² So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. ¹³ Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. ¹⁴ And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, **The counsel [esa from ya'ats] of Hushai the Archite is better [towb] than the counsel of Ahithophel.** For the **LORD [Yahweh] had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD [Yahweh] might bring evil [ra] upon Absalom.** [Ahithophel Actions – Committed Suicide by Hanging Himself -2 Samuel 17:22-23]

Counsel of Old Men/Mature Ones – Elijah's

1 Kings 12:1-7 ¹ And **Rehoboam** went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. ² And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) ³ That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the **congregation of Israel** came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, ⁴ Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. ⁵ And he said unto them, **Depart yet for three days, then come again to me.** And the people departed. ⁶ And **king Rehoboam consulted [ya'ats] with the old men**, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, **How do ye advise [ya'ats] that I may answer this people?** ⁷ And they spake unto him, saying, **If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good [towb] words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.**

Counsel of Young Men/Immature Ones – Elisha's

Kings 12:8-14 ⁸ But he forsook the counsel [ya'ats] of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted [ya'ats] with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: ⁹ And he said unto them, **What counsel [ya'ats] give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?** ¹⁰ And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, **Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.** ¹¹ And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. ¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. ¹³ And the **king answered the people roughly**, and forsook the old men's counsel [esa from ya'ats] that they gave him; ¹⁴ And spake to them after the **counsel of the young men**, saying, **My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.**

No Counsel Leads People to Fall

Proverbs 11:14 ¹⁴ Where **no counsel** [*tachbulah* -steerage – process of guiding a ship or vehicle, guidance, a plan] is, **the people fall**: but in the multitude of **counsellors** [*ya'ats*] there is **safety**. [*teshuah* - rescue]

Multitude of Counselors Purposes Are Established

Proverbs 15:22 ²² Without **counsel** [*sod*- a session, company of persons in close deliberation, intimacy, consultation, a secret] **purposes** [*mahashaba*] are **disappointed**: [*parar* – to break up, violate, frustrate] but in the multitude of **counsellors** [*ya'ats*] they are **established**.

Counsel with the Eye

Psalm 32:7-8 ⁷ Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. ⁸ I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will **guide** [*ya'ats*] thee with **mine eye**.

Wicked Counsel in Cities

Ezekiel 11:1-7 ¹ Moreover the **spirit lifted me up**, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate **five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.** ² Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief, and give **wicked counsel in this city**: ³ Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh. ⁴ Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them. ⁶ Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. ⁷ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

Daniel Functioning in Counsel and Wisdom

Daniel 2:11-14 ¹¹ And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. ¹² For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

¹³ And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. ¹⁴ Then Daniel answered with **counsel and wisdom** to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

Counselors for Hire to Frustrate Purpose

Ezra 4:4-5 ⁴ Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and **troubled** them in building, ⁵ And **hired counsellors** [*ya'ats*] against them, to **frustrate** [*parar* – to break up, violate,

frustrate] their **purpose**, [*esa* – advice, plan, prudence] all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Taking Away of *Ya'ats* Counselors

Isaiah 3:1-8 ¹ For, behold, the **Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah** the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, ² The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, ³ The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and **the counsellor**, [*ya'ats*] and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. ⁴ And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. ⁵ And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. ⁶ When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand: ⁷ In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. ⁸ **For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD**, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

No Counselor

Isaiah 41:28-29 ²⁸ For I beheld, [*ra'ah*] and there was no man; even among them, and there was **no counsellor**, [*ya'ats*] that, when I asked [*sha'al*] of them, could answer a word. ²⁹ Behold, they are all **vanity**; [*awen*] their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

Counsel of God

-Religious Leaders and Lawyers Reject

Luke 7:30 ³⁰ But the **Pharisees and lawyers rejected** [*atheteo* – to set aside, to disesteem, neutralize, or violate] **the counsel** [*boule from boulomai (will)* – volition, advice, purpose] of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

-A Part of the Message of Peter After the Outpouring of the Spirit

Acts 2:22-24 ²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate **counsel** [*boule*] and **foreknowledge** [*prognosis from proginosko* – forethought, to know beforehand, to foresee] of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having **loosed the pains of death**: because it was **not possible** [*dynatos*] that he should be **holden** [*krateo*] of it.

-The Voice and Declaration of the People of God

Acts 4:26-31 ²³ And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. ²⁴ And when they heard that, they **lifted up their voice to God with one accord**, and **said**, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: ²⁵ Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine

vain things?²⁶ The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.²⁷ For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,²⁸ For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy **counsel determined before** to be done.²⁹ And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,³⁰ By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

-Of Men or Of God?

Acts 5:33-42 ³³ When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them. ³⁴ Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named **Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people**, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; ³⁵ And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. ³⁶ For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. ³⁷ After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. ³⁸ And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if **this counsel or this work be of men**, it will come to nought: ³⁹ But if it be **of God**, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. ⁴⁰ And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

-David – Served His Generation by the *Boule* of God

Acts 13:36 ³⁶ For **David**, after he had **served his own generation by the will [boule] of God**, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

-Paul - Last Words to Elders of the Church in Ephesus

Acts 20:25-31 ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. ²⁶ Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I have **not shunned [hypostello - to withhold, to cower or shrink, to conceal]** to declare unto you all the **counsel of God**. ²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

-Works “All Things” After the Counsel of His Will

Ephesians 1:3-11 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: ⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: ⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. ⁷ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; ⁸ Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; ⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: ¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: ¹¹ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who **worketh [*energeo* – to be active, efficient] all things after the counsel [*boule*] of his own will:**

-Immutability

Hebrews 6:13-20 ¹³ For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. ¹⁷ Wherein **God**, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the **immutability [unchangeable, or unchangeability] of his counsel, [*boule*]** confirmed it by an oath: ¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: ¹⁹ Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; ²⁰ Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Demonic Counsel

-Entangle

Matthew 22:15 ¹⁵ Then went the **Pharisees**, and took **counsel** [*symbolion* – advisement, a deliberative body, assessors] how they might **entangle** [to ensnare, to trap, trick] him in his talk.

-Subtilty

Matthew 26:1-5 ¹ And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, ² Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. ³ Then assembled together the **chief priests**, and the **scribes**, and the **elders** of the people, unto the palace of the **high priest**, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ And **consulted** [*symboloueo* – to give advice jointly, to recommend, deliberate, or determine] that they might take Jesus by **subtilty, [*dolos*- trickery, a wile]** and kill him. ⁵ But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

- Joint Counsel Effort to Kill – Chief Priest and Elders

Matthew 27:1 ¹ When the morning was come, all the **chief priests** and **elders** of the people took **counsel** [*syboulion*] against Jesus **to put him to death**:

-Destroy – Pharisees and the Herodians

Mark 3:1-6 ¹ And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. ² And they **watched** him, whether he would **heal** him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. ³ And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. ⁴ And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. ⁵ And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was **restored whole** as the other. ⁶ And the **Pharisees** went forth, and straightway took **counsel** [*syboulion*] **with the Herodians** against him, how they might **destroy** him.

-Joint Counsel to Kill Saul

Acts 9:20-23 ²⁰ And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. ²¹ But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? ²² But **Saul** increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. ²³ And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took **counsel** [*sybouleuo* – to give advice jointly, to recommend, deliberate, or determine] **to kill him**:

Counsel of Jesus

Revelation 3:18-22 ¹⁸ **I counsel** [*sybouleuo* – to give advice jointly, to recommend, deliberate, or determine] **thee** to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be **rich**; and **white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed**, and that the **shame** of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see**. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. ²¹ To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. ²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Joseph of Arimathaea, A Counselor

Luke 23:50-54 ⁵⁰ And, behold, there was **a man named Joseph, a counsellor**; [*bouleutes* – an advisor, a counselor] and he was a **good man**, and a **just**: ⁵¹ (The same had not consented to the **counsel** [*boule*] and deed of them;) he was of **Arimathaea**, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. ⁵³ And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. ⁵⁴ And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.