

Council, Counsel, and Counselors

The word *counsel* comes from *council*. Look at Isa 11:2. Those who sit in council are counselors. A counselor is not just a one-man show. He goes to the council and is able to give counsel. From counsel comes *authoritative decisions*. An *authoritative decision* is one where our yes is yes and our no is no. Where He is *there* is the counsel by the Spirit (Mt 18:18-20). Then it is not just man's plans. Mt 18:18 is, concerning anything, an authoritative decision, one which binds on earth what is bound in heaven. Mt 18:19-20 – This is not the gathering of the whole church, but the *cahal* where authoritative decisions are made.

A Woe

Isa 30:1 – This is actually a woe, when we gather to take counsel, but not from Him. This is what happens when we come together without His Spirit upon us. All council is to be as Mt 18:20, and this is Isa 11:2 also. But, whenever a council convenes and He is not in our midst, because we do not gather in His name, then it is a rebellious convention (Isa 30:1). This is a woe. What is a woe? It is the worst thing that can be said about us. If we came to a council without the Holy Spirit upon us we would have to go out and repent for being rebellious – that we hadn't kept our mind on the Spirit.

Council – Mt 18:20; Isa 11:2 – The spirit of council and might. This is where Yahshua is actually present to validate a judicial convention. This is the authority to act with all of our faith – the power to act in corporate faith. Isa 11:2 – Speaks of the spirit of council and might. *Might* is #1369 and means victory, strength. So *might* means that where the Spirit of counsel is, there will be *victory, mastery, and strength to carry out the decisions of the council and not succumb to the evil one's intimidation (Mt 5:37)*. This is what Mt 16:18 means, that upon this rock, this revelation that comes from our Father, the church – the Edah – will prevail over our enemy who invalidates the council and makes it as Isa 30:1.

Mt 18:20 and 1:23 – It would be a miracle if that were to be fully true for each counselor gathered. From that miracle, other miracles would follow. Whenever a council convenes and He is not in our midst, it is actually a rebellious convention. This is true as well of the minchah. He will not be in our midst unless we gather in His name. It is in council that we receive the counsel, if it is by the Spirit that we gather together. In Isa 11:2 we do everything by council, in order to receive counsel.

Yahshua is in our midst, when we gather in His name (Mt 18:20). But if we are not gathered in His name, we are a rebellious convention. He is here to validate a judicial convention. Out of this “cil” comes the “sel”, and the power to carry it out. *Might* is where the spirit of council is. That is, there will be victory, actually mastery, over our enemies to carry out the “yes” or the “no” (Mt 18:20).

I think we will be wise in the future to say, in response to the questions, “Who are the leaders here? Who made the decision?” that we would say, “We decided in council.” Isa 11:2 – We do everything by council in order to receive counsel.