Behold The Lord, Your God

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INTRODUCTION

- We probably memorize that verse without really knowing the background. What is Isaiah chapter 40 about?
- Isaiah chapter 40, particularly, as you go back and look at verse 9, you find that the prophet is here beginning, you might say, a contest with idolatry.

1 Behold Your God

Isaiah 40:9–11

- Get to the highest place. Shout as loud as you can. Who is the Lord God?
- It is worth shouting. It is worth telling others about who it is that we serve.
- He will accomplish all that he has purposed to accomplish. Nothing will keep him from accomplishing his purpose in life, for he has a strong hand and a strong arm.
- He is as a good shepherd who feeds the flock. He is the shepherd who will gather the lambs.

2 Who Has Measured the Waters in His Hand?

Isaiah 40:12–14; Job 38:4

- Who's measured the waters in the hollow of his hand? Measured heaven with a span, calculated the dust of the earth in a measure.
- Who has been his counselor? Who has taught him?
- Where were you? When I laid the foundations of the earth. Tell me if you have understanding.
- Man really has no answer to them. But those who serve idols need to begin to think about that. What can an idol do?

3 The Nations Are as a Drop in a Bucket

Isaiah 40:15–17

- Behold the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales.
- Who are we to think we're so important anyway in the sight of God?
- To think that this one who created the heavens and the earth considers us, is concerned about us individually.

4 To Whom Then Will You Liken God?

Isaiah 40:18; Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1

- His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.
- We may sometimes let other things come a lot more important to us than God.

- If you really believe in God, and you know how great and powerful He is, then why worship an idol?
- You cut the tree, and half of it, you build a fire and warm yourself and cook your food. And the other half you worship.
- When we let some person or some theme or something that we honor ahead of the Lord, and it occupies our time, our money, our thought, our attention, and we don't have the same time for God.

5 Lift Up Your Eyes on High

Isaiah 40:26–28

- See who has created these things. Who brings out their hosts by number. He calls them all by name.
- Can you believe that the God can say, I know them all by name?
- Do you really think God has forgotten you? The God who can count the stars and name them all and call them by name?
- The everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

6 Those Who Wait on the Lord

Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 25:3–5; Psalm 62:1–5

- It's important to know whether or not you are waiting on the Lord or you're making the Lord wait.
- Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths, lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.
- Who will not only profess faith in him, confessing indeed that faith, they will be immersed, baptized into the death of Christ, that their sins may be washed away. That's what's involved in waiting on the Lord.
- My soul waits silently for God alone. For my expectation is from him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Well, I ask you, do you have that kind of expectation? Do you look to God with the kind of expectation?**

MY NOTES