Isaiah 40

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INTRODUCTION

- I want us to discuss Isaiah chapter 40, because it is a chapter about which there is great comfort and there's hope to those who are the servants of God.
- Comfort, yes, comfort my people, says your God.
- Surely the people are grass, the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

1 Behold the Lord God: He Rules With a Strong Hand

Isaiah 40:9–11

- Say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God.
- This God with his strong arm cannot be prevented from carrying out his purpose.
- Just as the word of the Lord stands forever, so God will accomplish his purpose.

2 He Created the Heavens and the Earth

Isaiah 40:12

- Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand? Measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure.
- If you don't believe that God has strong arm and hand, then answer these questions.
- Think about how God was able to accomplish in creating the heavens and the earth. What man can do this?

3 His Eternal Knowledge and Understanding

Isaiah 40:13–14; Job 38:4

- Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord? Or as his counselor has taught him?
- God says, Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding.
- To think about God indeed is to talk about one who is absolute. Absolute in knowledge and wisdom and power.

4 The Nations Are as a Drop in a Bucket

Isaiah 40:15–17

- Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket. They are counted as the small dust on the scales.
- All nations before him are as nothing. And they are counted by him less than nothing and worthless.
- What is man when you consider standing before God?

5 To Whom Then Will You Liken God?

Isaiah 40:18–26; Romans 1:20–21

- To whom then will you liken God? What likeness will you compare to him?
- We need to humble ourselves when we consider the almighty power and greatness of God Almighty.
- A man has thought he can liken the one true God of heaven and earth to something he could fashion with his hands.
- Lift up your eyes on high. And see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number.

6 Why Think Your Way Is Hidden From God?

Isaiah 40:27–29; Isaiah 40:11; 2 Timothy 2:19

- Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, my way is hidden from the Lord, and my just claim is passed over by my God.
- The everlasting God the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.
- He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might, he increases strength.
- He has not forgotten those who are his. But as great as he is, he reaches down to the smallest of us.
- God knows every single one of us. And he's there to lift us up like a good shepherd.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **God is able to lift us up. Cast your cares on Him, for He cares for you.**

MY NOTES