

## The God of Comfort, Eternity, and Hope

Isaiah 40

### Main Idea

God is the kind of God that gives comfort to sinners, and hope to the beleaguered. There is no one and nothing like Him for He alone is from eternity and all things hold together in Him, therefore we can trust Him (not man).

### Overview

#### **I. God is a God of Comfort (vs. 1-11)**

- A. The context moves towards the “Vision” side of things (1.1) as Isaiah begins to speak words to the exiled community of Gods people
- B. Gods desires is to comfort His people though they are in the midst of difficulty (vs. 1)
  - 1. He wants to speak tenderly that (vs. 2):
    - a. Their warfare is ended
    - b. That her sin is forgiven
    - c. She has received from the Lord’s hand double for sins (grace)
  - 2. The Lord (Jesus) is coming:
    - a. The Lord will make all the crooked things straight (vs. 3-5)
  - 3. The Word of the Lord stands over the fading glory of man (vs. 6-8)
  - 4. With this news of Comfort we are go up and speak this Gospel (good news) to the nations so that they might be picked up and gently cared for by the Lord (vs. 9-11)

#### **II. God is a God of Eternity (vs. 12-26)**

- A. There is no one like God, therefore we should trust Him in the midst of difficulty, not man
  - 1. He measures the waters and the mountains easily (vs. 12)
  - 2. He does not need any counsel (vs. 13-14)
  - 3. The nations are as nothing in comparison to the grandeur of God (vs. 15, 17)
  - 4. All the forests and beasts of Lebanon are not enough of a sacrifice that fits the greatness of God (vs. 16)
  - 5. There is no one like God, especially idols that are immovable (vs. 18-20)
  - 6. God is greater than all the earth (vs. 21-26)
  - 7. This is important to remember since we often think that God forgets about us (vs. 27)

#### **III. God is a God of Hope (vs. 28-31)**

- A. God is the everlasting God (we are not)...He does not faint or grow weary (we do) (vs. 28)
  - 1. God, the author of power, is able to give strength to us (vs. 29)
  - 2. The best of us still get weary and exhausted (God doesn’t) (vs. 30)
  - 3. But those who wait on the Lord are renewed in their strength (vs. 31)

### Questions

**Discussion Starter:** How would most of our friends describe God?

- 1. Read vss. 1-11: What does it say about God that He would want to speak tenderly and comfort a people that have been rejecting Him?

2. Describe the ways the Lord comforts His people. Where is the Gospel here?
3. Compare the glory of mans words to the glory of the Lords words. Where does this happen in your life?
4. Read vss. 12-27: Read through these passages and discuss the greatness of the grandeur of God.
5. What can we learn here about trusting the Lord vs. trusting other “gods”?
6. Read vss. 28-31: What does it mean to wait on the Lord? What does that look like in your life?

Accountability: Where are you weary/tired? (apply chapter 40)