



# God Is Great, God Is Good (II)

Isaiah 40

# Isaiah: Romans of OT?

Like Romans, Isaiah presents God's indictment against sinners, exposes the deepest needs of the human heart, and divulges the way of salvation for all mankind.

I. Preparation For Coming Of Lord, 3-11

II. Pertinent Lessons

**III. God Is Great, 12-31**

# Is.40:12, His power

- Without help, God created . . .
  - **Oceans:** 340+ quintillion gallons
  - **Heavens:** 30+ billion light years (200 sextillion miles) – a span
  - **Dust:** earth weighs 6 sextillion metric tons
  - **Mountains:** weighs in scales

# Is.40:13-14 (26) wisdom

- His advisors? 13 → Ro.11:33-34
- No counsel, instruction, teacher...
  - No scale model of universe
  - Astronomers count / classify stars

“He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name” – Ps.147:4

# Is.40:15, 17, Ruler of nations

- Drop in a bucket; dust on scales  
(Dn.5:27)
- Is.37 – Assyria – not a heavy-weight
- Jg.6, Midian

## **Is.40:16, surpassing greatness**

- What sacrifice puts Him in our debt?

## **Is.40:17, Judge of nations**

- Zero . . . Less than zero? Ps.9:17

## **Is.40:18-20, incomparable deity**

- Idols: treated wood; props...

# Is.40:21-24, incomparable position

- 21: Man received His revelation at the beginning
- 22: above the earth – His creation
  - Not limited to Gn.1
  - **Circle** of earth: Isaiah knew?
    - “Flat earth society”



# Is.40:22, circle of earth

- “Applicable to the globular form of the earth, above which, and the vault of sky around it, He sits” – JFB.
- Augustine: 1000 yrs before Columbus avowed round earth.
- Thomas Aquinas, 13<sup>th</sup> century, observed that the spherical shape of the earth can be empirically demonstrated.

# Is.40:21-24, incomparable position

- 21: Man received His revelation at the beginning
- 22: above the earth – His creation
- 22: as curtain (Gn.1:7): atmosphere
- 23: brings to nothing . . .

Nebuchadnezzar

Cyrus

Alexander

Julius...Nero...

- 24: *Gone with the wind*

# **Is.40:25-31, incomparable God**

- 25-26 (18f): There is none like Him...
- 27: run, but cannot hide. "Seer"
- 28-31, all power yet cares for us (29)

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# 1. Is.40:27 (17), do not fight God

- Never assume you can oppose God with impunity

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## **2. Is.40:27,29, God knows**

- Never assume He does not know our circumstances
- Never assume He is unconcerned about our troubles
  - What about Babylonian exile?
  - God sees. 1 Pt.5:7

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### **3. Is.40:28-29, God is perfect**

■ Everything He does is right

■ Gn.18:25

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## 4. Is.40:30-31, God is all-powerful

■ He can make us strong (30-31)

● Strength to those who **wait . . .**

- ✓ Hope for, wait for, look for, i.e., look forward with confidence – Swanson.
- ✓ Wait is NOT passive sitting for LORD to do something, but seeking, relying on Him instead of own strength.



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Renew – to change... put on afresh.  
Here, keep putting on fresh strength.  
Ep.1:19-20; 6:10; Ro.1:16

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  - Mount up with wings like eagles
    - Weak are afraid of heights
    - Cannot pamper ourselves...blame others for our sins...quit...

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Mount up

Run

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  - If a descending climax (progression)
  - If simultaneous: describes our life (three views at same time):

Soar

Run

Walk