

TO WHOM, THEN, WILL YOU COMPARE GOD?

Isaiah 40.1-31; Isaiah 55.1-12

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.” Isaiah 40.1

What God is doing in Isaiah 40.12-31, is giving us a vision of what he is like. The section revolves around the question,

“To whom, then, will you compare God?” Isaiah 40.18, 25

What one discovers in the text is that there is really nothing that compares to the greatness of our God. There is no image or standard of comparison adequate to measure God's worth. This truth ought to have a profound impact upon our lives.

1. God Is Incomparably Great In His Power, Isaiah 40.12-17.

2. God Is Incomparably Great In His Person, Isaiah 40.18-24.

3. God Is Incomparably Great In His Pastoral Care (Even For The Little People), Isaiah 40.25-31.

The people to whom Isaiah 40-55 was first directed had suffered many hardships and heartaches. They were disillusioned, disheartened, and at the point of despair. This chapter, with its invitation to come to God for satisfaction, must have refreshed their hearts like a cool breeze at the end of a hot day.

In Isaiah 40 we got a glimpse of the greatness of God. But we also saw a picture of his concern as a Shepherd to his people. In Isaiah 53, we see that God had raised up his Servant to accomplish his work, the work of redemption. In Isaiah 54, we see the climactic provision of that redemption in application, first to Israel, and then in chapter 55 the invitation is extended to all who are in need. He comes as an evangelist to those who need the benefits of the Servant with an offer of satisfaction that is unique.

1. God's Offer of Satisfaction Unique in its Price, Isaiah 55.1.

*Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.* Isaiah 55.1

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11.28

2. God's Offer of Satisfaction is Unique in its Proposition, Isaiah 55.2-11.

*Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.* Isaiah 55.2

3. Gods Offer of Satisfaction is Unique in its Provision, Isaiah 55.12-13.

*You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.* Isaiah 55.11-12