

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Isaiah 40:3-8.**
- B. Isaiah 40 is one of the Bible's most powerful chapters. It tells us of some of the attributes of God in human terms which will allow us to better comprehend Him.
- C. Too many times our image of God is too small. Hopefully this lesson will expand your concept of Jehovah God.
- D. We shall speak of God in four ways (according to the text):
 - 1. God has incomparable power.
 - 2. God has incomparable wisdom.
 - 3. God can defeat all the nations with ease.
 - 4. God can renew the strength of His people.

I. GOD HAS INCOMPARABLE POWER.

- A. Scripture texts: Isaiah 40:12,18-20, 22, 25-26.
- B. Isaiah 40:12. A span is the distance between the thumb and little finger.
Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance, And the hills in a pair of scales?
- C. Isaiah 40:18-20 says that man cannot make an adequate image of God.
To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him? **19** As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold, And a silversmith fashions chains of silver. **20** He who is too impoverished for such an offering Selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman To prepare an idol that will not totter.
- D. Isaiah 40:22 says God is above the circular earth, and to Him man is as powerful as a grasshopper. Our dwelling is very temporary.
It is He who sits above the vault of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.
- E. Isaiah 40:25-26 says there is none equal to God, for He has counted the stars and knows them all (none is missing).
"To whom then will you liken Me That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One. **26** Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power Not one of them is missing.

II. GOD HAS INCOMPARABLE WISDOM.

- A. Scripture texts: Isa. 40:13-14; 23, 27, 28.
- B. Isaiah 40:13,14. Who taught God to make Him so smart? He is the originator of knowledge and justice.
Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? **14** With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge, And informed Him of the way of understanding?
- C. Isaiah 40:23, 27 says that God knows everything and will repay.
He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. **27** Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?
- D. Isaiah 40:28 says God never gets tired and it is impossible to fathom His understanding.
Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

III. GOD CAN DEFEAT ALL THE NATIONS WITH EASE.

- A. Scripture texts: Isaiah 40:15-17, 21, 24.

- B. Isaiah 40:15 says that this drop is like a bucket that overflows and one goes over the edges it is no burden to Him.
Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.
- C. Isaiah 40:16,17 says all of the trees and beasts could not make a big enough sacrifice to please God. The nations are therefore meaningless to Him (comparing power).
Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering. **17** All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.
- D. Isaiah 40:21 says we have no excuse either by word of mouth, the written word of God, or the creation itself; they all speak of God.
Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- E. Isaiah 40:24 says there is no real root in human judgment and wisdom, it cannot compare to God's. Scarcely have they been planted, Scarcely have they been sown, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble.

IV. GOD CAN RENEW THE STRENGTH OF HIS PEOPLE.

- A. Scripture text: Isaiah 40:29,30,31.
- B. Isaiah 40:29-30 says it is those who trust (wait) on the Lord that will be blessed by Him (remember the beatitudes).
He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. **30** Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,
- C. Isaiah 40:31 says when we trust in God, we shall become like Him.
Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Read the text--Isaiah 40:9-31.
- B. We have seen that God:
 - 1. Has incomparable power.
 - 2. Has incomparable wisdom.
 - 3. Can easily defeat all nations.
 - 4. Can renew the strength of His people.
- C. There is none like God; He is in a class, position, and category by Himself.
- D. Because of this great power that God has and is, we are without excuse (Rom. 1:20).
For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- E. Respond to this great God by obeying the gospel.
- F. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring-Xians.