

## The God we Fear – Part 2

Isaiah 40:18b Who will you compare God with? What likeness will you compare Him to?

**Text:** Isaiah 40:12-18; 25-26

**Topics:** Omnipotence, Omniscience

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### As you behold your God...

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ His Greatness (vs. 12)

##### The Greatness of God – The Smallness of Man

- a. Greatness of God “Measured the waters in the hollow of his hand”
  - i. Consider the awesome God we serve. He is truly worthy of our praise. As we grasp even a fraction of His greatness, our response should be one of humble worship. (Charles Stanley)
  - ii. Psalm 145:3 (NIV) Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
  - iii. “If we saw the greatness of God, we would not be so greedy and covetous. If we saw the greatness of God, our eyes wouldn't stray after lustful images and thoughts. If we saw the greatness of God, we wouldn't get angry at our children so easily. If we saw the greatness of God, we wouldn't pout and get hurt so easily in our marriages. If we saw the greatness of God, we wouldn't worry about our looks so much. If we saw the greatness of God, we wouldn't spend time watching mindless and sordid and defiling television programs. If we saw the greatness of God, we wouldn't get so discouraged with the evil and godlessness of our culture. If we saw the greatness of God, we wouldn't give in to our appetites and overeat in boredom and depression. (John Piper)
- b. Smallness of Man
  - i. Psalm 8:3–4 (NIV) When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

#### 2. Meditate on His \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13-14)

##### The Wisdom of God – The Ignorance/Foolishness of Man

- a. Wisdom of God – *Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or who gave Him His counsel?*

- i. God alone is wise and is the source of all wisdom. He is all-wise and his wisdom is vastly superior to human wisdom.
  - ii. Romans 11:33–34 (NIV) Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”
- b. Foolishness of Man
  - i. 1 Corinthians 1:25 (ESV) For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
  - ii. Isaiah 55:9 (NIV) “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
  - iii. Jeremiah 51:15–17 (NIV) “He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses. “Everyone is senseless and without knowledge; every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. The images he makes are a fraud; they have no breath in them.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ at His Power (vs. 15, 22-26)

#### The Power of God – The Weakness of Man

- a. The Power of God - *He lifts up the islands like fine dust*
  - i. God’s power is defined in the word omnipotence – meaning all-powerful. God has all the power in the universe and holds all things together by his mighty power.
  - ii. Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV) ‘Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.
  - iii. Romans 1:20 (ESV) For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.
- b. Weakness of Man
  - i. Hebrews 4:15 (ESV) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
  - ii. See Isaiah 40:28–31