

The Gospel According to Isaiah: The Comfort of God

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

Context - While Isaiah 1-39 are chapters of judgment, Isaiah 40-66 transitions into comfort for God's people as His Glory will extend to all peoples on the earth through a coming suffering servant (Isaiah 52:13-53:12).

Main Idea - The world will receive its comfort only in Jesus Christ.

To receive the Comfort of God....

1. _____ the Glory of God (vs. 1-5)

- A. Isaiah 40:3-4 are prophetic verses that were fulfilled in John the Baptist.
- B. Isaiah 40:5 particularly speaks of Jesus, for the Glory of the Lord is revealed in Christ. It presents a prophecy that is fulfilled in In John 1:14, where John writes, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- C. Have you personally experienced the Glory of God as revealed in Jesus Christ?

2. _____ on the Word of God (vs. 6-8)

- A. Though kingdoms rise and fall and humanity is here today and gone tomorrow, Isaiah reminds us that the Word of God will stand forever.
- B. Have you personally experienced the unchanging and reassuring truths from the Word of God?

3. _____ the Majesty of God (vs. 19-11 [vs. 12-31])

- A. Isaiah asks the heralds to go up to the mountaintops and proclaim to Israel, "Behold your God!" And then spends the rest of the chapter declaring the Majesty of God.
- B. All throughout scripture, people have seen their problems and concerns melt away when they encountered God in his Majesty. (See also Job 38-42, or Hagar in Genesis 21)