

Isaiah 40  
Our Sovereign Lord

PROMISE (1-11)

Comfort from His hand (II Corinthians 1:3-4 / I Peter 5:7)

***He is the God of all comfort – He cares for us***

Completion of the hard part (Matthew 11:28-30)

***Jesus has done the hard part – He now works through us (Colossians 1:28-29)***

Calling us to prepare the way (Ephesians 2:10)

***That we might be used for His purpose (repent, grow & be filled)***

Coming to reveal His glory (Matthew 24:30)

***All will see His glory. All will bow before Him (Philippians 2:9-11)***

Carrying His own close to His heart (Titus 2:14 / Jeremiah 31:3)

***We are His own possession – He will lose none of those given to Him (John 6:39)***

POWER (12-17)

Weighing the earth in His hands (Isaiah 49:16 / John 10:28-30)

***The One who carries the whole world carries us in His hands***

Wisdom & knowledge belong to Him (Colossians 2:3)

***He has no counselors, we cannot advise Him (Romans 11:33-36)***

Worthless nations – they offer nothing (I Timothy 6:7 / Mark 8:36)

***What benefit to gain that which will not last (II Corinthians 4:18)***

PERSON (18-26) – to whom will you compare Him?

Comparing our LORD to:

Idols? (Psalm 115:2-8)- ***To worship them is to become like them - worthless***

Princes? (Acts 12:21-23) – ***Leaders beware of seeking to take God's place***

Creator God (Psalm 24:1-2) – ***Everything belongs to Him***

Stars each brought out and called by name – He is omniscient (Psalm 147:4)

***We keep track of so little, He hears and answers every prayer***

Strength to hold the universe in place – He is omnipotent (Colossians 1:17)

***What happens if He lets go? (II Peter 3:10)***

PROVISION (27-31)

He does not grow weary (Galatians 6:9-10)

***In His strength – we will not grow weary (just a little while longer)***

He understands (Hebrews 4:15-16)

***He knows us, and remembers that we are but dust (Psalm 103:13-14)***

He gives strength:

To the weak (II Corinthians 12:9-10) – ***allow His to use you in your weakness***

To those who wait upon Him (Psalm 27:14; 33:20) – ***our strength and our hope***

Discussion questions for Isaiah 40

What results when we trust the promises of God? (II Peter 1:3-4)

***We rest in a hope that cannot be taken away. (I Peter 1:3-5) We recognize that we have been given everything we need to grow and live for Christ. (II Timothy 3:16-17) We grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus, and He transforms us to be more like Himself.***

Which of His promises are the most encouraging to you? Why?

How can we prepare ourselves to be used for His purposes? (I John 1:9/Romans 6:11-14; 12:1)

***REPENT! We need to be honest with His about who we are. We must believe that are old nature was defeated by the indwelling of His Spirit (which we could only receive through trusting what He did for us on the Cross), and thus offer ourselves completely to Him. Allowing every member of our bodies to be used for His purpose and glory.***

Why do many put their confidence in government over God? Why are the promises of government and government leaders worthless? (Proverbs 21:1, 30 / Job 42:2 / Psalm 2:1-5)

***Government solutions seem more tangible than waiting for God's promises. Government leaders are not in control. God uses them to accomplish His purposes and they cannot thwart His plans.***

Why is it harmful to compare ourselves with others? (Romans 12:3-5/I Corinthians 4:7/ II

Corinthians 10:12) ***We can either become proud and conceited or depressed and feel worthless. Nothing accomplished in our own strength has any value. (John 15:5) Any gifts or abilities that we have come to us from God. God has a purpose for everyone who calls upon His name. (see I Corinthians 12)***

Why is it foolish to compare ourselves to God? (Psalm 62:5-9; 82:5-8)

***There is no comparison. Though we are made in His image, we are not Him. He has control over my life, I have no power or ability to control Him. He is the eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, sovereign Lord of the universe. I am His creature.***

God is my Provider! How does that truth impact our lives? (Philippians 4:19/Matthew 6:33)

***I have only one job. To seek Him and His righteousness. All I do and all I desire is in His hands, and He loves me.***

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