

The Gospel according to Isaiah

Chapter 40

The question of the people

- *“Why is it that my way is hidden from the Lord? Why is my just claim passed over by my God?” (Is 40:27)*
- In other words – does God really care about me?

1. A creator

- V 12 “Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?”
- V12 – “He has weighed the mountains”
- V26 – “Lift your eyes on high to see who has created these things”
- Romans 1:20 – “....so that men are without excuse”



2. A controller



- V15- the nations are as a drop in a **bucket**
- V17 – all nations before Him are nothing
- V21 – *Have you not heard...?*
- V22 – “He sits above the circle of the earth, He stretches out the heavens like a curtain”
- V23 – Authority over all people
- V18-20 – The uniqueness of God

3. A comforter

- V1 “Comfort, yes comfort my people”
- V10 –God is a strong ruler
- V11 – But God is also a loving shepherd
 - He will feed his flock
 - He will gather up the lambs in His arms, and carry them
 - He will find the young, the ones going astray, and lead them in the way they should go
- Ps 23 – The Lord is my shepherd

- ***John 10:11-15***

- Jesus says “I am the good shepherd...The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. I know my sheep, and they know Me...”

4. A coming One (v3-9)

- Someone to cry in the wilderness “Prepare the way of the Lord!”
- And the One who is to come will be so great, that great preparation is needed (v 3-4)
- V5 – The glory of the Lord will be revealed to all
- V6-8 Things of this world will pass away – but the Word of God stands forever
- V9 – and it must be announced!

5. A caring God (v28-31)

- *In response to the question in v27....*
- Here is a summary of who God is, and what He does for His people.
- God is...
 - Everlasting
 - Creator
 - Never gets weary
 - All wise
 - Gives power and strength to those who come to Him

- Do you feel like your strength has gone? Come to the Lord. Wait upon Him.
- *The Coming One, Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, has come. He went to the cross and took our sins upon Himself.*