

Isaiah 40 opens a new section of the book, addressing Israelites living in exile in Babylon after Jerusalem's destruction. The people are discouraged, questioning whether God has abandoned them. This chapter speaks words of comfort and hope, announcing that their punishment has ended and restoration is coming. God is presented as both tender and powerful: a shepherd who gently leads his people, and the sovereign Creator who rules over nations. Isaiah 40 also challenges human pride by contrasting human weakness with God's everlasting strength. The chapter reassures the exiles that God is still in control of history and faithful to his promises, preparing them for deliverance and a renewed relationship with him.

If you are able to, listen to the song 'Strength will rise, as we wait upon the Lord.'

Read Isaiah 40:25-31

In v25-26

1. What does God say about being compared to others?
2. What do these verses tell us about God's power?
3. What stands out to you about God knowing the stars by name? How does this help you trust God with your own life?

4. Read v27. What are God's people complaining about in this verse?
5. Why do you think they feel God has forgotten them?
6. Have you ever felt this way? What was going on in your life?
7. What truths about God are repeated here? What does it mean that God never gets tired?
8. Why is it important to remember that God understands everything?
9. How can remembering who God is help you when you feel worn out?
10. Reflecting upon v29, What is one area of your life where you need God's strength right now?
11. In v30, what does this teach us about human strength?
12. When are you most tempted to rely on your own strength?
13. What do you think it means to "wait on the Lord"?
14. What is one way you can practice waiting on God this week?

Prayer Points

Please pray for all that happens on Wednesdays at the church as we continue to provide a space for the Ukrainian Hub. Pray also for the Community Meals team as they listen and provide food for those in our community.

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Sermon Notes

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BIBLE STUDY

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Isaiah 40:25-31 Behold Your God!

The Book of Isaiah presents powerful prophetic visions that have helped to shape theology, especially regarding God's holiness, judgment, and redemption. Written in a time of political turmoil, Isaiah foretells both near and distant events. Many prophecies have been fulfilled in history and in the life of Jesus Christ. Isaiah predicted the fall of Babylon, the return of Israel from exile, and the rise of Cyrus of Persia by name. Most notably, Isaiah 53 describes a suffering servant whose rejection, suffering, and redemptive death closely parallel the New Testament accounts of Jesus, reinforcing Isaiah's enduring significance.

This series will help us to be faithful as we renew our focus upon the Lord, and fruitful as He fulfills His word.