

# The Incomparable Greatness of God!

Text: Isaiah 40:12-17

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## I. God's Immeasurable Power (Isa. 40:12)

Isaiah now speaks to the people to demonstrate Jehovah's power over all of His creation, to show that He is strong enough to deliver them back to their land, and to call them back to their God. Isaiah now shows them how much greater the Creator is than His creation.

Jehovah has made an orderly creation. While His creation is vast and majestic, nothing in that creation compares to the Creator of it.

**\*\*God's greatness is seen in the measure of the hollow of His hand (Isa 40:12a).**

**\*\*God's greatness is seen in the measure of the breadth of His hand (Isa 40:12b).**

Jerry Bridges says in his book on the fear of God that the span and hollow of God's hand show the "immensity of God Himself, who can deal with the entire universe as we might deal with the most trivial objects (Job 26:14)". When we see Creation we only see a bit of what God has done!

**\*\*God's greatness is seen in the measure of dust in a basket (Isa 40:12c).**

**\*\*God's greatness is seen in the weight of the mountains and the hills (Isa 40:12d).**

Though the vastness and greatness of Creation is stunning and majestic, nothing compares to God! When we consider the waters, heavens, and the mountains they seem like incalculable objects, but in God's hands they are easily measured.

"The contemplation of these things should lead the mind directly to the consideration of the greatness and grandeur of the everlasting God, who will come in glory to visit His people" (Young 44).

God would keep His word. God will keep His word! So be comforted, comfort the people says the Lord!

## II. God's Infinite Wisdom (Isa. 40:13-14)

Who is able to put a measurement on God? Who has directed God and given Him counsel?

Who did God consult with to give Him wisdom? Who does He receive direction from? Who teaches God the path of justice? Who taught God knowledge? Who showed God the way of understanding?

God cannot be measured nor taught for He is God.

God is absolute for no one can compare to Him. He is limitless with infinite wisdom, infinite knowledge, and absolute in power. God is self-knowlegeable, self-wise, and self-unlimited. Every character trait of God is inherent in God. They are what He is. He created all things, and He is the self-sufficient, self-existent I AM, the I AM. No imperfect, insufficient, partially knowlegeable or wise person could even begin to give God counsel.

Jehovah is the Supreme Person who not just the people of Judah should trust in, but we should believe in. Our wonderful and perfect Creator in perfect glory and majesty can protect and deliver His people. And He will! Comfort ye, comfort my people, saith the Lord.

### III. God's Independent Sovereignty (Isa. 40:15-17).

The word *sovereign* means *a person who has supreme power or authority*. To say that God is sovereign is to say that He has absolute power above all nations, people, and over every facet of His creation.

The only thing that "hinders" God in any way is His own character for He is bound to His own justice, holiness, and truth. "God must forever in all of His actions be holy, just, and true. He cannot act otherwise" (Rosenthal 17).

**Truth:** The comparison is obvious: No person with all of his or her fragility, failures, finiteness, and foolishness can stop Jehovah's actions nor can His word be hindered from its course of action.

Isaiah declares then that the nations are like:

- A drop in the bucket
- Small dust on a balance scale

Compared to God who has no counselor, it is actually He that controls them. Totaled together the nations are little compared to God's power, wisdom, and sovereign ways. God no more needs the counsel of the nations than He needs counsel from man.

- The islands in the sea are a small thing

Verse 17 says the nations are less than nothing as compared to God. This does not mean God does not love the Gentiles. But in comparison to God's people, in comparison to the sovereign and infinite God who brought all into existence, His creation is like nothing.

### Conclusion

Nations have come and exalted themselves to conquer the world only to have their empires crushed by another nation. Jehovah continues as His power remains unscathed, His wisdom flawless, and His sovereignty preeminently displayed. It is this God who tells Isaiah to comfort His people. His people are His chosen and under His covenants. They are set aside for His purpose (Deut. 7:6).