

God is Not Safe

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#1 God C_____ about your condition

1 "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God. 2 "Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the Lord's hand Double for all her sins."

Isaiah 53:5-6 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Isaiah 40:11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

#2 God is C_____ of anything, especially in your life

1st God is infinitely greater than _____

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales?

2nd God is wiser than all _____

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? 14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And informed Him of the way of understanding?

Isaiah 40:28 His understanding is inscrutable.

Romans 8:28 God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God.

3rd God is greater than the _____

15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

4th God is so awesome; He's beyond _____

18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

Psalms 50:21 You thought that I was just like you.

5th God is in control of every _____

21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. 23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Daniel 4:34 But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, "What hast Thou done?" Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.

6th God is the overseer of every _____

26 Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.

Psalm 147:4 He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

Matthew 10:30 The very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Psalm 40:5 Many, O Lord are... Thy thoughts toward us... They would be too numerous to count

*When your God is small, your problems will become OBSTACLES.
But when your God is big, your problems will become OPPORTUNITIES.*

#3 Start C _____ God

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

TAKE HOME:

A – Don't play games with God; _____

B – Don't try to have all the answers; _____

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts says the Holy One.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

C – Don't be flippant with your faith; _____ God

D – Don't play it safe in this life; be _____

E – Don't lose the best thing in life: God's _____

Romans 8:28 God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What are some ways you hear non-believers and immature Christians *inaccurately* talk about God?
2. Why is it crucial for believers to have an accurate and high view of God?
3. Why was it important for Isaiah to communicate to Judah about their view of God at this time in History?
4. As believers mature, how does their view of God change?
5. What differences would your church, your ministry, or your community group manifest if everyone grew in their knowledge of God?
6. What steps will you take this week in order to apply the truths about God from Isaiah 40 to your life?
7. How can Isaiah 40 help you in your ministry to others and with your own daily life?



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