

An Overview of Isaiah
Week 7 Isaiah 40-48
The Good Promise

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity is pardoned...”

Isaiah 40:1-2

Main Point: God has brought tender care and comfort to His people.

Passage Overview

- There is no one who compares to God (40:18-31; 45:5-6).
- God has sent needed strength and help to His people (41:8-10).
- God desires His people not fear (41:10,13,14; 43:5).
- God has the power to help His people (41:17-20; 43:25; 44:22).
- For God’s holy name and for His glory He has relented in His anger (48:9-11).
- We, the people of God, are to proclaim His salvation (40:9; 48:20).

There is a major theme shift in this passage from judgment to comfort.

Truths of this passage:

1. Israel is God's people.
2. They have been forgiven.
3. God will act; God will provide.
4. God's word is fully trustworthy.

Problem of this passage: Idolatry

“Idolatry is the worst sin of all, because it moves God to the periphery of our lives and puts something else in his place. It gives to something else the glory that should be God's alone.”

-Barry G. Webb

Point: There is no one too small or unimportant to be worthy of God's tender care and comfort.

“Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 42:1

Point: God has sovereign control over the political landscape to bring care and comfort.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”

Isaiah 45:22

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