

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
OCTOBER 13, 2021
ISAIAH 40

INTRODUCTION:

1. The universe is a wondrous creation that has fascinated humanity and has scientists in virtually every field devoted to its study. (Ps. 111.2; 145.5)
2. Pondering the creation causes us to pause in thoughtful reflection.
 - a) We cannot help but be humbled by the fact that all of this was for us. (Ps. 8.3-5; 115.16)
 - b) Our minds should not be on the creation, but on the One behind the creation. (Deut. 4.19)
3. The greatness of God gives us comfort and hope. (Isa 40.1,2)

I. THE GREATNESS OF GOD

A. His greatness is seen in His creation.

1. **ISAIAH 40.12:** *“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand”*
 - a) 70% of the surface of the earth is ocean. 97% of the earth’s water is in the oceans.
 - b) God created the oceans with the hollow of His hand. (cf. Gen. 1.9,10)
2. **ISAIAH 40.12:** *“Measured heaven with a span”*
 - a) God created the atmosphere and the celestial bodies. (Gen. 1.6-9,14-18; Ps. 19.1-4)
 - b) How much is a span? (1 Sam. 17.4)
 - c) How many stars and planets exist? (Gen. 22.17; Isa 40.26)
3. **ISAIAH 40.12:** *“And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?”*
 - a) How many grains of sand are on the earth?
 - b) A measure is defined as a scoop made from three fingers.
4. **ISAIAH 40.12:** *“Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?”*

B. His greatness is seen in His wisdom.

1. **ISAIAH 40.13,14:** *“Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or who as His counselor has taught Him?”* Where did God get the wisdom to create these things?
2. We learn from the experiences and knowledge of those who have come before us. But who has come before God? (Job 41.11; Ex. 3.14; Rom. 11.33-36)

II. THE GRACE OF GOD

A. The Creator of all things knows your hardships.

1. **ISAIAH 40.25,26:** *“Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things”*
 - a) In the creation, we can see *“the greatness of His might.”* (Eph. 6.10)
 - b) In the creation, we can see, *“the strength of His power.”* (Rom. 1.20)
2. **ISAIAH 40.27:** *“Why do you say...My way is hidden from the Lord, and my just claim is passed over by my God.”* Do you feel as if God is not aware of your struggles?
 - a) God is always watching and knows your heartaches. (Ps. 139.1-12)
 - b) **ISAIAH 40.28:** *“The Creator...neither faints nor is weary.”*

B. The Creator of all things helps when you are in need.

1. **ISAIAH 40.29:** *“He gives power to the weak.”* (cf. 1 Cor. 12.9,10)
2. **ISAIAH 40.30:** *“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall”* Even the strongest among us have their limits.
3. **ISAIAH 40.31:** *“But those who wait on the Lord...”* I can endure and greatest of hardships because the Creator of all things is there for me.