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As I watched my almost 5-year-old grandson play his last soccer game of the season last night, I observed how amazing it is that God put the greater light to rule the day and the lesser to rule the night, so that they could be for times and seasons... Just a month ago, we would leave the soccer field with the sun still blazing at 7pm. But last night, the sun was already setting before the game ended... the season of fall is upon us. How cool that something God began thousands of years ago is still the same today. He is the God of miracles and He never changes. Let everything point to Him. He's worthy of our praise.

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Isaiah 40:21-31

I learn from creation that God is powerful beyond measure. His miracles can't be measured or matched. His authority is over all, even those who refuse to acknowledge Him. And above all, His love binds them all together. What does that mean for me when my circumstances are overwhelming? If anyone needed to hear God's answer, it was the Israelites during the time of Isaiah. They had continually rebelled against God, and He allowed them to have what they wanted... separation from Him. But that meant He withdrew His protection from them and they fell into captivity. Even then, God continued to call them to repentance so that He could restore them. It doesn't matter WHY I'm burdened. God is always my answer, even when I put myself in my circumstances by ignoring Him.

Vs. 21-24 ~ The Israelites kept turning to idol worship rather than the one true God worship. Why do that? Idols are an excuse to justify serving SELF. I can easily get caught in the same trap. My idols are not made of wood and gold, but they are just as real and enslaving.

God's answer, "Don't you understand who I am? You've been told who I am since the beginning of time. From the foundations of the earth, I've made Myself known to you." God has never hidden Himself from me. It is I who have hidden myself from Him, though He can still see me... and He still loves me.

How big is God? He sits above the circle of the earth! It took science thousands of years to figure out what God said 700 years before Jesus was born... the earth is a circle. How did He know? He made it.

People are like grasshoppers compared to Him. It's kind of crazy that I, a grasshopper, would ever shake my fist at the One who sits above the circle He made and stretches the heavens like a curtain.

It would be crazy for me to think that a ruling grasshopper could be my answer more than the One who puts him in his position and then removes him from his position. Proverbs 29:26 says, "Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is the from the Lord that a man gets justice." The Lord is my answer. To trust in myself or any man is crazy. He is the One who has all power, wisdom, and authority wrapped in His love.

"Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble." How long does a ruler of earth rule? Compared to God, a man's rule is just a blowing of the wind. So God can't be compared to an idol. He's bigger. He can't be compared to a ruler of this earth. He's in charge over all.

Vs. 25-31 ~ He is incomparable. He is the God of miracles. Even science cannot explain His miracles. Science can only observe how He maintains His miracles. The most incredible minds are given their intelligence by Him, even those who refuse to acknowledge Him. Science can observe His stars. He created them. He calls them by name. Science can't stop a star from being a star. It is by HIS greatness and power that not one is missing. If a star explodes, a super nova, it is because He told it to explode. Nothing escapes His word.

So... if all that is true... that He is greater than any fake idol, if He has more authority than any ruler, if He is over all... why should I ever think He's forgotten me? "Why do you say, O Jacob (Jonna), and speak, O Israel (Jonna), 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God?'" First of all, why would I think He owes me anything? He owes me nothing. I deserve eternal separation from Him. But that's not what He gives me. He sees me. He regards me.

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable." What does He base His encouragement for me on? He is the Creator of the ends of the earth! He is everlasting. He will never be dethroned or voted out. No one can stand against His power or authority. He never gets tired of me. He never grows weary of me. I can stop questioning that! I can stop thinking I've done too much wrong for Him to want me, see me, or regard me.

I grow weary and tired, but He doesn't. He who never grows tired or weary "gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength." My strength comes from the Lord. If I don't have strength, I need to look at my heart. Am I turning to an idol for strength? Am

I relying on a man for strength?

Am I like a "youth" or a "young man" who wears out? I know of young people who run a marathon after never running more than a mile in their lives. They seem invincible! But even they get tired and weary.

What do I need to do for strength and power? To what do I turn if it's not a man or an idol? I turn to the Lord and wait for Him. The One who sits above the circle of the earth, who puts the stars in place, who sets up rulers and removes them, is the One who gives me strength to soar like eagles, to run without becoming weary, to walk and not faint.

What is my one response from this passage? WAIT for the right One. Don't wait for an idol to be my answer. Don't wait for a person to be my answer. Wait for the Lord... and don't move until He gives me the strength to move. He sees me. He knows what I need. He has the power to provide what I need. He has the wisdom to know how to provide what I need. He has the authority to give me what I need. The very reason He's speaking in this passage is to tell me that He WANTS to provide me with strength. His storehouse of power is unlimited. Why wait for anyone or anything else? Lord, please teach me to wait for You alone, to recognize when I'm not, and then return to wait at Your feet.