

An Encouraging Word for Discouraging Times

Isaiah 40

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A. The Heart of God is for the Comfort of His People

1. The language of comfort
Isaiah 40:1, 2, 11; Luke 4:18-19, Matt. 11:28-30,
Matt. 12:20
2. The prophecy of the One coming brings comfort
Isaiah 40:3, John 1:19-23, 29

B. The Word of God Comforts His People

1. The Enduring Word of God comforts His people
Isaiah 40:5, Matthew 24:35
2. The Sure fulfillment of God's promises comfort His people
Isaiah 46:10-11; Joshua 23:14

C. The Greatness of God comforts His People

1. The comfort in the greatness of His supreme power
Isaiah 40:10, 15-17, 26-28, Job 42:2
2. The comfort in the greatness of His unmatched Person
Isaiah 40:12-14, 18, 25; Psalm 50:21
3. The comfort in the greatness of His unrivalled authority
Isaiah 40:21-25, Psalm 46:10, Matthew 28:18
4. The comfort in the greatness of His undeserved mercy
Isaiah 40:29-31
 - The comfort of His empowering grace
2 Corinthians 12:8-9
 - The comfort of His strengthening Companionship
Matthew 28:16-20