Sermon Notes for July 10, 2016

The God Who Has No Equal

Isaiah 40

Introduction

There are times in our life when we may wonder does God see? Does God care? Why doesn’t he do something?

That is how Israel felt at many points in their history.

“My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God.” Isaiah 40:27

Isaiah 40 is God’s answer.

I. God cares for his people. Isaiah 40:1-11

In chapters 1-39 the dominant message has been one of warning.

Isaiah asked, “How long, Lord am I to speak this message?”

The Lord answered, “Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant...” Isaiah 6:11

In 722 BC the northern Kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians.

Then, in chapter 39, Isaiah predicted the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians.

Isaiah is now 69 and God gives him a new message—a message of comfort and hope to a people who have suffered much.

“Comfort, comfort my people.”

The Lord reigns and he cares for his people like a shepherd.

II. God is bigger than our problems. Isaiah 40:12-26

God is bigger than the universe. Verse 12

God needs no counselors. Verses 13-14

God is bigger than the nations. Verses 15-17

God is greater than any other god. Verses 18-20

God is sovereign over men and nations. Verses 21-24

God is the creator and sustainer of the universe. Verses 25-26
Men can make things, form things or build things, but only God can create something out of nothing.

God is bigger than our problems.

III. God gives strength to those who wait on him. Isaiah 40:27-31

The Lord is the everlasting God.

He never gets tired or weary.

For those who hope in the Lord (who wait on him), he renews our strength.

The word renew means to exchange. We exchange our weakness for his strength.

When we trust in his promises and act on them, he enables us to do the impossible, to fly like the eagles.

Conclusion

What struggles are you facing?

Remember:

God cares for his people.

God is bigger than our problems.

God gives strength to those who wait on him.