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ISAIAH 40

NOV. 7
2021

Read this week's passage aloud before discussing together.

OBSERVATION

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INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What kind of comfort (v. 1) is God offering his people in this chapter? Are these things what come to mind when you think of being comforted? How does God's grandeur and power play into this comfort?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. What phrase about God caught your attention in this passage? How can you improve how you respond in worship, prayer, or obedience this week based on this truth of who he is or what he does?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["The 5 Movements in Isaiah"](#) by Davy Ellison

Song: ["Behold Our God"](#) by Sovereign Grace Music

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NOV. 14
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INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. The word "I" is used frequently starting in verse 4 and especially in verse 9 and on. Why is this important? What does it show us about God?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. If God is moving history for his people, how should that change how you see the coming weeks of your life? How should it affect how you see the coming years of your life?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Online Resource: ["Hope Shrinking Our Fears"](#) by Scotty Smith

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NOV. 21
2021

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3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What is said about the Lord's servant (v. 1) in this chapter? How does Jesus fulfill these things?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. The Lord's servant is the only hope for this world. Who are you burdened for who needs to trust in Jesus? What are some next steps you can take with this person in the near future?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["Who's the Mystery Guest in Isaiah's Servant Songs?"](#) by Davy Ellison

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NOV. 28
2021

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3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. God speaks directly to his people in verses 1 to 7. Which phrase sticks out as important or personally helpful? Why? Do you truly believe God means what he says in these verses?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. In what situations are you fearful that God won't demonstrate his love for you? How can you remind yourself of God's love for you this week?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.
Article: "[A Prayer for Regaining a Gospel-Perspective on Our Sufferings](#)" by Scotty Smith
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JAN. 16
2022

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2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
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3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What makes idolatry so ridiculous (see vv. 9-20)? What do you think motivates us to worship idols?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. God says, "return to me, for I have redeemed you" (v. 22). What do you need to lay down so you can return to God and receive his redeeming love (a habit, sin, idol, relationship, etc.)?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Devotional Article: "[Springtime in the Spirit](#)" (Isa. 44:3-4) by John Piper

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JAN. 23
2022

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 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
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 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. The phrase "I am the Lord/God, and there is no other" is repeated five times in this chapter (vv. 5, 6, 14, 18, 22). Is this really that important? How do these repeated claims relate to the rest of the chapter?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. How are you going to remember that God is powerful this week? In what area do you need to remember his power the most?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["God Knows Our Names \(Isaiah 45:1-7\)"](#) by Debie Thomas

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ISAIAH 46-47

JAN. 30
2022

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OBSERVATION

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 - Why do these things stick out to you?
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2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
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 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. In chapter 47, what do the various judgments on nations make you think about God? Does this paint a different picture of God than what you often think of?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Do you believe that God has power over the powerful? Is there a person or entity that holds power over you that you are tempted to fear (parent, boss, government, etc.)? How can you show that you trust God's power (and judgment) over all?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Podcast Episode: #157 – "[Proper Perspective \(Isaiah 47:9\)](#)" by David Platt

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FEB. 6
2022

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OBSERVATION

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 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
 - What's going on in history at the time of the passage?
 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. Verse 14 says that God "loves" using even non-believing rulers (like Cyrus of Persia) to accomplish his big purposes (to overcome Babylon). What does that show us about God?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. God is willing to lead us (v. 17), but we need to faithfully listen (v. 18). What's one area of life where you need to listen to God's commandments so that you can experience his peace and righteousness (v. 18)?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.
Sermon Outline: "[Isaiah 48:1-22 God's Message to the Hearing Deficient](#)" by Paul Apple
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FEB. 13
2022

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OBSERVATION

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 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
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 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. Isaiah 49:1-13 is the second "servant song" in Isaiah about the Messiah. What sticks out to you as important about the Messiah as he is described here?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Jesus is the Messiah who ushered in a global kingdom and sent out his followers (Matt. 28:18-20). How can you be a part of God's global work that his "salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (v. 6)? How can you "sing for joy" about this (v. 13)?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["The True Israel: Isaiah 49"](#) by Bob Dellinger

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FEB. 20
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2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
 - What's going on in history at the time of the passage?
 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. Isaiah 50:4-9 is the third of four "servant songs" in Isaiah about the coming Messiah. What do these verses say about the Messiah?
 - How does he respond to God's word (vv. 4-5)?
 - How is he received by others (v. 6), and how does he respond to them (vv. 6-9)?
 - Why does the "servant" have confidence in the midst of opposition (vv. 7-9)?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Walking in the darkness of hard obedience (v. 10) is always better than walking in the light of our own wisdom?
 - How can you listen to Christ even in your darkness, confusion, or hardship?
 - Is someone or something else lighting the fires of your mind directing how you live right now? How can you turn from that and listen to Jesus's direction?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["What Are the Four Servant Songs in Isaiah"](#) by GotQuestions.org

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FEB. 27
2022

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2. Examine the context of the passage:
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3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What imperatives (command verbs) are in this passage? What tone or feel do they give the passage?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. God shows his strength (v. 9) and brings comforts (v. 12). Which do you need to experience from the Lord right now? How can you awaken to who he already is and what he is already doing in this area? How can you rely on him for strength or comfort?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["The Pride of Being Afraid"](#) by John Piper

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MAR. 13
2022

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3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is the fourth and final "servant song" found in Isaiah. What do verses 13-15 say about the Messiah?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Ray Ortlund points out: "Isaiah is connecting ('As...so...') how repulsive Jesus became in suffering for us with how effective he is in purifying us. . . [I]n a paradox worthy of God, it was his extreme suffering that measures his extreme power to cleanse" (*Isaiah: God Saves Sinners (Preaching the Word)* by Raymond C. Ortlund Jr., p. 354).
 - How can you meditate on Jesus's suffering and worship him for it this week?
 - Who in your life needs a reminder of Jesus's power to purify/cleanse (yourself, your spouse, a friend, etc.)?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: "[The Triumph of the Suffering Servant \(Isaiah 52:13-53:12\)](#)" by Allen Ross

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INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. This chapter continues the fourth and final "servant song" in Isaiah about the Messiah (52:13-53:12). Which phrase describing Jesus sticks out to you most? Why?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Jesus "bore the sin of many, and [now] makes intercession for the transgressors" (v. 12). Who would you like to pray for? Who is struggling with sin? Who is not yet a Christian who you want Jesus to rescue? Spend time right now (or this week) praying for them.

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["The Suffering Servant and Isaiah 53: A Conversation with Darrell Bock"](#) by Matt Smethurst

Song: ["Isaiah 53"](#) by Aaron Shust

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ISAIAH 54-55

MAR. 20
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INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. Isaiah 55:1 invites the listener to "come" four times. What does it mean to find satisfaction for your thirst when you come to Jesus? (See also John 7:37-39; John 4:10)

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Are you allowing God to satisfy your spiritual thirst (55:1)? What is one way you can draw near to him (instead of other things) for satisfaction? Is there something that is "not bread" (55:2) that you need to put away?
8. Who do you know who needs to come to Jesus? Pray for them this week.

FURTHER RESOURCES

Commentary: [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners \(Preaching the Word\)](#) by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

Article: ["Spiritual Thirst"](#) by Tim Keesee

Song: ["Living Waters"](#) by Keith & Kristyn Getty

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