

ISAIAH 40



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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:
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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. 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: <u>Isaiah: God Saves Sinners (Preaching the Word)</u> by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr. Article: "<u>The 5 Movements in Isaiah</u>" by Davy Ellison Song: "<u>Behold Our God</u>" by Sovereign Grace Music <u>Children's Ministries Family Devotional</u>





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- 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?

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- 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?

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- 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?

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