

God's Message of Comfort

Isaiah 40

God can only provide relief from His judgment

A. Comfort, A Message From God (Isaiah 40:1-11)

1. For his people (40:1-2)

2. From his forerunner, John the Baptist (40:3-8)

a. His identity revealed (v 3a)

b. His message prophesized (vv 3b-8)

1). Prepare (vv 3b-4)

2). Perceive (v 5) (John 1)

3). Proclaim (vv 6-8)

3. From the Messiah (40:9-11)

a. The Gospel brought from Zion (v 9)

b. Christ – The Judge (v 10)

c. Christ – The Shepherd (v 11)

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B. Creation, A Revelation of God (Isaiah 40:12-26)

- 1. Man not creator – God (Christ) is (40:12)**
- 2. Man not spiritual – God (Christ) is (40:13)**
- 3. Man not righteous – God (Christ) is (40:14)**
- 4. Man not powerful – God (Christ) is (40:15-17)**

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B. Creation, A Revelation of God (Isaiah 40:12-26) – cont'd

5. Man's idols not God – God (Christ) is (40:18-26)

a. Doesn't matter what they look like (v 18)

b. Doesn't matter what they are made of (vv 19-20)

**c. Doesn't matter what you think about creation
(vv 21-22)**

**d. Doesn't matter what governments you establish
(vv 23-24)**

e. God is real (vv 25-26)

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C. Consideration, A Call From God (Isaiah 40:27-31)

1. Israel's problem – You cannot see God when you are not truly looking (40:27)

2. God's answer (40:28-31)

a. You must see things God's way (v 28)

b. You must do things in God's strength (vv 29-30)

c. You must have faith (v 31)

1) The young Christian shall mount up as an eagle

2 Timothy 2:22

2) The adult Christian shall run - Hebrews 12:1

3) The mature Christian shall walk - Galatians 5:16

God's Man of Comfort

Isaiah 41

God is the only provider of comfort in trials

I. God's Commandments (Isaiah 41:1-4)

A. Listen before you speak (41:1)

Isaiah 41:1

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

1. Stay silent

Psalms 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

2. Rest

3. Approach His throne

4. Speak on God's terms

I. God's Commandments (Isaiah 41:1-4)

B. Look at my answer before you try to solve your problems (41:2-4)

1. The righteous man and his dominion (vv 2-3)

Isaiah 41:2-3

2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet.

I. God's Commandments (Isaiah 41:1-4)

B. Look at my answer before you try to solve your problems (41:2-4) - continued

2. The power given him by God (v 4)

Isaiah 41:4

Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

II. The World's Rebellion (Isaiah 41:5-7)

A. United against God (41:5-6)

Isaiah 41:5-6

5 The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6 They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.

B. World's gods thought better than the real God (41:7)

Isaiah 41:7

So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

III. God's Plea to Israel for Deliverance (Isaiah 41:8-20)

A. Based on God's covenant (41:8)

Isaiah 41:8

But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

B. Based on God's calling (41:9)

Isaiah 41:9

Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

III. God's Plea to Israel for Deliverance (Isaiah 41:8-20)

C. Based on God's promises (41:10-19)

1. I am with you (v 10)

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

III. God's Plea to Israel for Deliverance (Isaiah 41:8-20)

C. Based on God's promises (41:10-19) - continued

2. I will take care of your enemies (v 11-12)

Isaiah 41:11-12

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

III. God's Plea to Israel for Deliverance (Isaiah 41:8-20)

C. Based on God's promises (41:10-19) - continued

3. I am your strength (vv 13-16)

Isaiah 41:13-16

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

III. God's Plea to Israel for Deliverance (Isaiah 41:8-20)

C. Based on God's promises (41:10-19) - continued

4. I am your provision (vv 17-19)

Isaiah 41:17-19

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

III. God's Plea to Israel for Deliverance (Isaiah 41:8-20)

D. Based on God's actions (41:20)

Isaiah 41:20

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

IV. God's Problem with Israel Is Their Idolatry

(Isaiah 41:21-29)

A. God challenge to idolatry (41:21)

Isaiah 41:21

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

IV. God's Problem with Israel Is Their Idolatry (Isaiah 41:21-29)

B. God's condemnation of idolatry (41:22-29)

1. Idols bring no knowledge of the future (vv 22-23)

Isaiah 41:22-23

22 Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

IV. God's Problem with Israel Is Their Idolatry (Isaiah 41:21-29)

B. God's condemnation of idolatry (41:22-29) - continued

2. Idols have no worth (v 24)

Isaiah 41:24

Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

3. Idols cannot stop God's judgment (v 25)

Isaiah 41:25

I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

IV. God's Problem with Israel Is Their Idolatry (Isaiah 41:21-29)

B. God's condemnation of idolatry (41:22-29) - continued

4. Idols bring no knowledge of the past (v 26)

Isaiah 41:26

Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.

IV. God's Problem with Israel Is Their Idolatry (Isaiah 41:21-29)

B. God's condemnation of idolatry (41:22-29) - continued

5. Idols are no answer to Israel's problems (vv 27-28)

Isaiah 41:27-28

27 The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

IV. God's Problem with Israel Is Their Idolatry (Isaiah 41:21-29)

B. God's condemnation of idolatry (41:22-29) - continued

6. Idols bring no hope (v 29)

Isaiah 41:29

Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

**Is Jesus Your Comfort
Today?**