

## Isaiah 40 Behold Your God

**Introduction:** Mark 4:35-41

- “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Mark 4:38)
- Accusation: Jesus doesn’t care what is happening.
- Accusation: Jesus doesn’t know what is happening.
- God’s answer to our accusations and doubts is always to show us Himself – “Say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold your God!’” (Is. 40:9b)

**Main Truth:** It is essential for me to have a right view of God and a humble view of myself.

1. Behold God’s infinite magnitude - vs. 12, 22.
  - a. Compared with God we are insignificant – vs. 15-17, 22.
2. Behold God’s infinite power – vs. 10, 26, 28
  - a. Our power is momentary, small, and perpetually failing – vs. 23-24, 30.
3. Behold God’s infinite wisdom – vs. 13-14
  - a. God is not in need of our counsel or wisdom.
4. Behold God’s infinite life – vs. 28
  - a. We are as fragile and as temporary as wild grass and flowers – vs. 6-8.
5. Who is like our God?
  - a. No image or idol can compare with God. He is supreme above all would-be contenders.
6. Behold God’s infinite care – vs. 1-2, 11, 28-31
  - a. God’s comfort and forgiveness is communicated to sinful people – vs. 1-2.
  - b. God’s tender care is like a shepherd with little lambs – vs. 11.
  - c. God is the eternal, omnipotent, omniscient creator, but He gives His resources to meet our needs when we wait on Him – vs. 28-31.

**Conclusion:** The problem is not with God’s failure to care for us. The problem is our failure to believe that He will – Mk. 4:40

## Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Was there a truth from this week’s message that stuck out to you?
2. In Mark 4:38, the disciples accused Jesus of not caring and not knowing about what was happening to them. What are some other things that we accuse God of doing or not doing?
3. In Mark 4:40 Jesus shows the disciples that the presence of fear and the absence of faith was driving their wrong response. What are some of the sins that drive our wrong responses and accusations of God?
4. When we don’t understand what God is doing, why is God’s answer often “let me tell you who I am” instead of “let me show you what I am doing”? In other words, why should the character and nature of God be a sufficient answer to our questions and doubts?
5. Why does a high and right view of God necessarily lead to a humble view of myself (example: Is. 6)?
6. In light of the truth of question #5, a lack of humility in my life likely displays what problem?
7. Which of the attributes of God revealed in Isaiah 40 will be helpful to you this week? Why?
8. Is. 40:13-14 show us the foolishness of offering our “wisdom, counsel, and instruction” to God. What are some ways or situations where we are tempted to instruct God?
9. Why do you think that God asks His people twice in Is. 40:18 & 25 “To whom then will you liken Me?” What is He forcing the people to admit?
10. God shares His strength with those who wait on Him (Is. 40:29, 31). What applications should I draw from this?

### Thoughts for prayer:

- Pray that God would help us to see who He actually is, and not who we imagine Him to be.
- Thank God for specific aspects of His nature that are helpful and meaningful in your life.
- Seek God’s forgiveness for wrongful accusations.