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One of my sermon subscription subscribers requested an outline on Isaiah 40. As I studied it, this is a message of encouragement I begin to see.



WHAT SHALL I CRY?

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Isaiah 40:3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“ Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert[a]
A highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;
5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
6 The voice said, “Cry out!”
And he[b] said, “What shall I cry?”

In Isaiah 40 the Prophet tells of the voice crying out to God's people to get ready. This was fulfilled by John the Baptist who was the forerunner for Jesus himself.

All through the rest of the chapter the writer tells us how great God is and that He rules over all and will have His way. It also contains some powerful truths of what God says He will do for His people. Now we know that He does this for us through Christ. So I encourage you dear believer to know four things that I have selected from these verses. I want to cry them out to you.

I will cry:

1. GOD'S STRONG ARM WILL BRING YOUR REWARD

Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand,
And His arm shall rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.

- When it is all said and done, what God says will be done!
- Claim that truth for your life as you are surrounded by a mountain of seemingly impossible circumstances.
- He is faithful. You are His child. He will not abandon you.
- Do not think anyone or anything is greater than your God.
- Remember He is for you, not against you.
- He's got a strong arm and strong hand.
- Read all the great things Isaiah 40 reminds us that God has done.

2. GOD WILL SHEPHERD YOU IF YOU WILL FOLLOW

Isaiah 40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,

And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are with young.

-Though He is all powerful, He is also so gentle and loving.

-Notice the terms used to describe how He shepherds:

- a. He gathers (He can bring things together, people together, you together with Him)
- b. He carries (How many times has He carried you when you could go no further. Remember the footprints in the sand poem).
- c. He gently leads (He is not a demanding tyrant. He is a gentle leader, especially when we have childlike hearts.)

3. GOD WILL GIVE YOU POWER WHEN YOU ARE WEAK

Isaiah 40:29 He gives power to the weak,

And to those who have no might He increases strength.

-If you are weak and without strength, you qualify for a God encounter with His power.

-Claim this verse in your weakness.

-There is something about your weakness that draws the power of God toward you.

4. GOD WILL RENEW YOU WHEN YOU WAIT ON HIM

Isaiah 40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,

And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the LORD

Shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

-God honors patience.

-The person willing to wait on God wins.

-If you want to fly, then learn to die. Die to wanting to do things your own way to speed them up.

-Renewal is so needed when we are tired, weary, and battleworn.

-What does verse 31 tell us about the heart of God? He is drawn to those who are willing to wait upon Him.

-So often we think the opposite. We think we can get Heaven's attention by running out on an impulse that we call courage. It often requires more courage to wait than to charge off into a hunch. Wait on the Lord and He will renew you.

CONCLUSION - When the heat is on, and the enemy tries to get you to doubt just Who your God is. Then just cry these things out over your life. It will help you to cry out!

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