



Worship Service  
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## Behold Your God!

Lesson One • Isaiah 40:1-11

### The Unfathomable Comfort of God

#### Behold Your God and Fear Not in 2020!

We have REASON to lift up our voices in hope and joy; our God is the sovereign ruler of the universe who brings comfort in the wilderness and strength for the weary.

*Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Isaiah 40:9*

#### The Unfathomable Comfort of God

God COMFORTS His people in the wilderness.

*Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Isaiah 40:1*

*She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her . . . For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit . . . Zion stretches out her hands, but there is none to comfort her. Lamentations 1:2, 16, 17*

#### What Is God's Comfort?

God's comfort is the good news of His SAVING GRACE.

*Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Isaiah 40:2*

#### To Receive God's Comfort in the Wilderness

### 1. PREPARE the Way of the Lord!

*A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40:3-5*

#### Here's What We Need to Know in the Wilderness

You don't need to LEAVE the wilderness to encounter the Lord. It might be the very place that God has put you so that you can actually hear His voice and receive His comfort.

### 2. TRUST the Word of the Lord!

*A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:6-8*

#### Here's What Happens in the Wilderness

We are stripped of our SUFFICIENCY and forced into dependency on God.

### 3. BEHOLD the Greatness of the Lord!

*Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:9-11*

#### Here's Who We Find in the Wilderness

We encounter a God of both MIGHT and MERCY.  
God's mighty arm will crush His enemies, yet that same arm will care for His flock.

#### Are You in the Wilderness? Are You Longing for Comfort?

Then TURN to God and cry out for His comfort in Jesus Christ.