

A Hope That Never Tires

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Introduction.

A. Isaiah is one of my favorite books in the Bible.

1. Isaiah chapter 1-39 cycles through judgment and future blessing.
2. Isaiah 40 begins to speak of comfort now from past judgment.
3. Hezekiah is an example to us of one who turned to God during time of trial and received deliverance from his enemies.
4. If Israel again becomes self-willed God would give them over to the Babylonians.
5. Even in captivity, however, God would rise up Cyrus to send Israel back to their land.
6. As we turn to the Lord in our trouble the Lord is faithful to help us.
7. God is still in control over circumstances for nations and for individuals.

I. God is sovereign over the nations.

A. We should be encouraged to know that God is in control of our lives.

1. Isaiah comforts Israel in chapter 40 that her warfare is over.
2. There are times when God comforts each of us that are going through hard times.
3. A new heaven and a new earth are coming where there is no more suffering and pain.
4. God promises to make all things new, bringing all things to its appointed end.
5. Suffering is not eternal.
6. Jesus will return and reign for ever and ever.
7. The glory of the Lord will be revealed and all mankind will see him as he is.
8. We have this hope to look forward to, a real hope.
9. God wants to comfort us today in his tender love.
10. God knows what we are going through and he is with us.
11. Our comfort is assured by the presence of the Holy Spirit who is with us today.
12. The Holy Spirit comforts, strengthens, and encourages us in our hardships.

13. Life is hard, more so than I thought it would be.

14. We are not alone because God is with us.

B. God is the one that has chosen us and not rejected us. (Isaiah 41:9-10)

1. He tells us not to fear.

2. He will strengthen us and help us.

3. Our redeemer is the holy one of Israel.

4. God is faithful.

5. My grandson had a terrible accident and during this time I have witnessed the faithfulness of God.

a. Our 7 year old fell and fractured his skull.

b. This was terrifying for me.

c. I called out on the Lord for help as I am not good in emergency situations.

d. I had spent time with the Lord just prior to this accident and drew on this fellowship in the crisis.

e. I felt led to pray out loud.

f. The Lord desires us to talk to him at all times.

g. He wants us to come to him with all our concerns.

h. He just wants us to be with him.

i. We talk on our cell phones while driving, so why not talk to the Lord while driving or walking.

6. Get to know the Lord better by spending time with him.

7. Exercise is good for the body and fellowship is good for our intimacy with the Lord.

8. Do you want more of the Lord in your life?

9. Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength.

10. We each have our own Egypt where we go for help and these need to be forsaken.

11. Israel made alliances with Egypt to the detriment of their nation.

12. God has covenanted to be our God and as we come to him promises to care for his own.

13. God will never betray his faithfulness. (Psalm 89:33)

- a. We can count on God and surrender all to him.
- b. He covenants to care for us.

14. All men are like grass but the word of God remains forever.

15. God does not change.

16. We can count on him; Peter said “To whom shall we go, for you have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)

17. We should not go to the Lord in order to give him advice but to listen to him.

- a. God cares for his flock like a shepherd. (Isaiah 40:11)
- b. Who has instructed the Lord?
- c. Who gives advice to the Lord God?
- d. Who gives God understanding?
- e. All the nations are but a drop in a bucket to the Lord.
- f. God was glorious in the Old Testament and he is glorious today.
- g. We have value but it is measured not by what we do but by what God has done for us.

1. Jesus saved us by dying on the cross for us.

2. The Holy Spirit indwells us.

C. Today what burden are you carrying?

- 1. Relational issues?
- 2. Financial issues?
- 3. Health issues?
- 4. Give all your concerns to the Lord for you can do nothing by yourself.
- 5. The enemy will try to tell us God is too busy for us.
- 6. God wants us to come to him for he is our creator.
- 7. Because of his great power and might strength none of our ways remain hidden from the Lord.

8. He does not grow tired or weary and his understanding no one can fathom.
9. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
10. Those who hope in the Lord will mount up on wings like eagles.
11. Those who hope in the Lord will run and not grow weary.
12. Those who hope in the Lord will walk and not faint.
 - a. My former daughter-in-law had a great need when she moved.
 - b. She prayed for God to help her and one by one people gave her exactly what she needed to purchase and to furnish a new house.
13. In God's time and in his way he reveals his will to us.

D. God calls us to come to him so that he can impart himself to us for help I time of need.
(Galatians 5: 25)

1. Do you desire to be in God's presence?
2. Don't listen to the lies of the enemy that say spending time with God is wasted time.
3. While we spend time with God he transforms us.
4. He promises to meet us when we come to him.
5. John the Baptizer prepared the way for the coming of Jesus.
6. We need to prepare the way for the coming of Christ into our lives.
7. A friend was going through a difficult time yet she protected her personal time with God in order to receive strength from him to endure through to blessing.
 - a. God removes obstacles as we spend time with him.
 - b. I take Wednesday morning to be with God from breakfast till after lunch.
 - c. As you come into God's presence confess the willful things that impede your relationship with God.
 - d. Eliminate TV and computers, etc.
 - e. Don't avoid dealing with corrections from the Lord so you can be cleansed in order to receive his blessings.
 - f. As my grandson was struggling for his health I prayed into the night and felt around 3:30 am that God had heard my prayers.

g. The next morning my daughter-in-law told me that around 3:30 the boy turned around and regained strength.

h. Cast all your anxiety on the Lord for he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

i. Spend time with the Lord in confidence.

j. He is worth it all.

k. All else will fade and fall away but the Lord is eternally new.

l. He comforts us and strengthens us working out his good will in our lives.