

Sermon Scripture Passage:

Isaiah 40:18-28

18 To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

19 An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. 20 He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

*21 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?*

*22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;*

23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

*24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.*

25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

*He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.*

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Scripture References:

Isaiah 43:1 – [Verse Highlighted in the 1st Episode of the *The Chosen*]

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Amos 5:21-22, 24 – [Quoted by Martin Luther King Jr. in his famous speech]

21 “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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The Big Story: A Lamp to My Feet #8 – Major/Minor Prophets – Rise of the Prophets

In the Bible a prophet speaks God’s Word to the people, not necessarily _____ the future.

The prophets were _____ of the king and their _____ came straight from God.

Elijah and Elishah were great _____ - _____ prophets but they did not write books.

Seven Major Ideas Throughout the Writings of the Prophets:

One - The Holiness, Uniqueness, and _____ Power of God

Two - The Call to Covenant _____ – Worship the Lord alone!

Three - God’s Love for and Determination to _____ His People

Four - God’s _____ of His People, and Judgment of the Nations

Five - God’s Call for _____ by His People

Six - God’s Desire for _____ Faith rather than mere Religious Sacrifices

Seven - A New _____ is Coming: A future Messiah will set things right for God’s People

Isaiah 40:18-28 – The Lord asks: *To Whom Will You Compare Me?*

40:18-20 God cannot be _____ to the other gods of this world!

40:21-22 God is not _____ within this world.

40:23-24 God is the _____ ruler of this world

40:25-26 God established and rules over all that you can _____.

40:27-28 God knows where we are and what we are _____!

*React to Isaiah 43:1 - But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**”*

Answers for the blanks:

- Predicts
- Independent
- Authority
- Miracle-working
- Sovereign
- Faithfulness
- Restore
- Protection
- Justice
- Authentic
- Day
- Compared
- Bound
- Sovereign
- See
- Facing
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