

## ISAIAH 40 THEY THAT WAIT ON THE LORD

### INTRO:

- **Matt. 18:20** Where two or three are gathered together.
- The gatherings of God's people, regardless of number is not a small or insignificant thing, for there is in their midst, the divine power, the divine presence.
- There is much frustration in the world today and in the church.
- No one is exempt from it just because they are Christians.
- Frustrated by the uncertainty, the pace etc.
- The Christian and thus the Church is frustrated because they are not being refreshed, filled up day by day.
- **2 Cor. 4:16** (the more the marble wastes, the more the statue grows.)
- The world takes, God gives.

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- Chapter 40 is a promise of coming deliverance.
- VS 1. Comfort= to cause to breath again, and expresses consolation and enduring power.
- To speak comfort is to speak to the heart, to the inner man.
- 3 reasons for their comfort is found in VS 2
  - 1) her warfare is ended.
  - 2) her iniquity is pardoned.
  - 3) she has received double for her sins.

I want to focus on the last 4 verses of the chapter. 28-31

I have divided these into 3 headings.

- 1) The weakness of the Christian.
- 2) The grace given to the Christian.
- 3) How does the Christian receive this grace. (unmerited favor)

Before going there notice that the complaint of vs 27 is baseless when seen in the reality and resources of 29-31.

God has not been ignorant of the saint's situation.

## 1) The weakness of the Christian.

- **VS. 29**
  - He is weak or faint. (fatigued; exhausted 4X)
  - He has no might. (manly vigor)
  
- **VS. 30**
  - Even the young impetuous energetic youth shall faint and be weary.
  - The young will utter fail. (stumble, stagger, totter)

## 2) The grace given to the Christian.

- **VS. 29**
  - God gives power, strength, power, might. (Samson)
  - God increases strength. (to increase = to increase greatly or exceedingly, to give in abundance.)
  
- **VS. 31**
  - God gives renewed strength. (to change, substitute, alter, change, or exchange for the better.
  - God gives wings.
  - God gives endurance.
    - Run without tiring.
    - Walk without fainting.

## 3) How does the Christian receive this grace. (unmerited favor)

- Look at verse 28,
  - Have you not known. Experienced personally Who is our God, who if for us?
  - The Creators power is still at the disposal of His Church, His saints.
  - He is the same yesterday, today forever. Heb. 13:8
  - He never suffers from over exertion.
  - His understanding of all things is infinite, unsearchable.
  - He understands and knows our deepest, most personal, heaviest trials, whether without or within.
    - For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet without sin.* <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- **VS. 31**
  - **Waiting on Him. (to bind together.)**
  - **To wait on the Lord is first to recognize, acknowledge and admit our utter inability to do, to supply our own need, in order for us to take hold and receive His strength and supply.**
  - **To wait on the Lord is not just idle resting, stagnant waiting, but actual communing, and fellowship, to be still and know that He is God.**
    - **PS. 87:7 All my springs are in you.**
  - **To draw from His resources.**
    - **The woman at the well.**
    - **The syrophenician mother.**
    - **The woman with the issue of blood.**
    - **The lepers.**
    - **Lazarus.**
  
- **To do this is to rise up with wings as eagles.**
- **To mount up. (To go up, to ascend.)**
- **By God's grace and strengthening, to rise above.**
- **To see Him who is invisible.**
- **To look away unto Him.**
- **To look on the things that are eternal.**