

The Comforting Grace of God

ISAIAH 40:1-2

"It is grace at the beginning, and grace at the end. So that when you and I come to lie upon our death beds, the one thing that should comfort and help and strengthen us there is the thing that helped us in the beginning.

Not what we have been, not what we have done, but the Grace of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. The Christian life starts with grace, it must continue with grace, it ends with grace.”

-Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Isaiah 40:8

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”

Hebrew word for Prophet:

1. Hozeh- “to see”, one who is a counselor/advisor.....someone who has insight

Hebrew word for Prophet:

2. Roeh- “to perceive” –One who envisions and revealer of secrets.

Hebrew word for Prophet:

3. Nabi- (most frequently used)- “To announce” – someone who declares, who pours forth the declarations of God.

2 Major Sections of Isaiah:

- 1. Chapters 1-39: Messages of Judgement.**
- 2. Chapters 40-66: Messages of Hope**

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“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.”

3 Realities....

1. This is GOD'S Message

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Isaiah 43:6-7

“Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

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2. The Condition to whom the message is addressed

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Romans 3:23

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

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3. The Central Focus of the Message

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John 1:1-3

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”

John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.”

Isaiah 53:6

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all”