

# The Greatness of God

*Isaiah 40*

- God gives his people a great message of hope—but the hope is God, not the future
- The majesty of God v12-27 is bracketed on either side by a statement of love v11, 28-31

## **1. The God who cares for us is infinitely great - v12**

- Isaiah asks a series of pictorial questions to display the greatness of God
- Our greatest measurements are like God's smallest measurements
- The immeasurable and incalculable are as nothing to God
- What implications does this have for problems that are too big for us?

## **2. The God who cares for us is infinitely wise – v13-14**

- The vast complexity of human body – an example of the wisdom of God
- All the events of past, present and future interweaving and connecting – all under his control
- What implications does this have for circumstances we don't understand?

## **3. The God who cares for us is infinitely powerful - v10,15,17**

- All the power of all the nations/princes/kings/governments is as nothing compared to God
- God's plans are not troubled by their greatness of power
- What implications does this have when we despair of our governments? Or state of world?

## **4. The God who cares for us is infinitely worthy - v16**

- All the animals and all the timber is not enough for sacrifices worthy of God.
- He is worthy of all that we could give
- What implications does this have when we think that God is asking too much?

## **5. This Great God is wonderfully tender & loving**

- All this power, wisdom greatness and majesty is directed at his people
- Contrast: The greatness of the nations are as nothing, the nothingness of the individual merits his care
- See his vast love v11
- See him concerned for his people v26,27
- See him give his people strength for life's difficulties v29-31

- In Jesus we see all of these set aside to offer us God's love
  - He left behind his greatness to show us his love
  - He was prepared to be thought foolish so that we could be accepted
  - He refused to use his power on the cross so he could pay for our sins
  - He came to be treated like dirt so we could be treated like sons of God

## **Applications**

- The wise option is to make him your king and accept his gracious offer of forgiveness
- Trust him because he cares and he is able to care
- Worship him and delight in his greatness
- View your problems through the lens of his greatness, and not vice-versa