



BEHOLD – TAKE A GOOD LOOK!

Isa. 40:27-31

“The Disclosure Of God’s Power For Confidence!”

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28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.

29 **He giveth power to the faint**; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But **they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; **they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.**

Our theme this year is...

VISION	20/20
HIS VISION.	OUR FOCUS.

During the last couple of months, we have been observing situations where men and women in the Scriptures faced unforeseeable circumstances and walked by faith as they encountered them. Several weeks ago we shifted our focus to begin a new series...

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A few weeks ago, we began looking at Isaiah, chapter 40, which is packed full with wonderful truth about the greatness and power of God. We began in Isa. 40:10-11, with “**Behold**, *the Lord will return!*” We focused upon...

I. THE DEPICTION OF GOD’S POWER AND COMPASSION 40:10-11

- A. Seeing the Promise of the Lord’s Advent, 40:10a
- B. Seeing the Presentation of the Lord’s
Acknowledgement, 40:10b
- C. Seeing the Provision of the Lord’s Assurance, 40:11

II. THE DECLARATION OF GOD'S POWER OVER CREATION, 40:12-17

A. The Perspective of God's Power over Creation,
40:12-14

B. The Prominence of God's Power over All Citizens,
40:15-17

III. THE DISPLAY OF GOD'S POWER OVER CONTEMPT, 40:18-20

A. The Standard of Worship Declared, 40:18

B. The Subversion of Worship Displayed, 40:19-20

IV. THE DISCERNMENT OF GOD'S POWER OVER THE COSMOS, 40:21-24

A. The Contemplation Stirred, 40:21

B. The Creation Separation, 40:22

C. The Controlling Sovereignty, 40:23-24

V. THE DELIGHT IN GOD'S POWER VIA COMPARISON, 40:25-26

A. Envision the Personal Perception of God, 40:25

“To whom then will ye liken me...”

B. Encourage the Personal Perspective of God,

40:26 “Lift up your eyes on high, **behold**...”

This morning we consider Isa. 40:27-31, and...

VI. THE DISCLOSURE OF GOD'S POWER FOR CONFIDENCE, 40:27-31

A. The Disclosure of Reality, 40:27

Isa. 40:27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

- Another question is stated in order to stir recognition of reality – “why do you think that God is oblivious to your lifestyle?....He isn't!”

Psa. 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or
whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Jer. 23:24 **Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD.** Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

Num 32:23 “...**be sure your sin** will find you out.”

B. The Discernment from Reasoning, 40:28

Isa. 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard,
that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the
ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?
there is no searching of his understanding.

- More questions are asked regarding knowledge of God's power of omniscience and omnipotence.
- "Hast thou not known?" → Don't you know?
- "Hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?" → Don't you know that the Creator is omnipotent?
- "*There is* no searching of his understanding." → The Creator's understanding is fathomless! He is omniscient!

C. The Declaration of Reassurance, 40:29-30

Isa. 40:29 **He giveth power to the faint**; and to *them that have* no might **he increaseth strength.**

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

A time of weakness and fatigue are normal – you ARE human – v. 30. “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:”

Rom. 5:6 For **when we were yet without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But **God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

- A strong believer is one who knows his strength comes from the Lord – v. 29.

Psa. 18:1 **I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.**

Isa. 49:5 And now, saith **the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant**, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and **my God shall be my strength.**

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

D. The Design for Renewal, 40:31

Isa. 40:31 But **they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; **they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

Original Word: קָוָה

Transliteration: qavah

Definition: to wait for, look for, hope, expect

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6960.htm>

- Renewal is connected to believers who “wait upon the LORD.”
- Such waiting requires faith to endure challenges with an expectation of the Lord’s deliverance.

Psa. 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psa. 39:7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.

Psa. 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Lam. 3:25 The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

Mic. 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

- The discipline to “wait upon the LORD” is an exhibition of faith, trusting that the Lord’s timing will lead to a renewal of strength in order to finish the course of life’s race.



Conclusion

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Isa. 40:31 “But they that...
wait → strength

wings → soaring

weary → stamina

walk → steadfastness

Rom. 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

2 Cor. 5:7 (For **we walk by faith**, not by sight:)

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ...

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit.**

Eph. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**

Eph. 5:2 And **walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ...

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light**: ...

15 See then that ye **walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise,

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Col. 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk ye in him**:

Col. 4:5 **Walk in wisdom toward them that are without**, redeeming the time.

1 Thess. 2:12 That ye **would walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1 Thess. 4:12 That ye may **walk honestly toward them that are without**, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so **to walk, even as he walked**.

2 Jn 1:6 And **this is love, that we walk after his commandments**. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth**.

- Walk patiently, by faith, and gain renewed strength to finish “the race” for His glory!