

Series: Isaiah 40-66
Lesson: Isaiah 40 - The God Who Cares and Soars
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The God who Cares like a Shepherd, and Soars like an Eagle

Theme: Isaiah 40 introduces one of the central themes of Isaiah: The nature of God and how he relates to his people.

Historical Background:

1. The people are in Babylonian captivity
2. The people's attitude is negative and fearful. They are feeling forsaken by God.

Questions from the Exiles:

1. Does God have the power?
2. Does God care about us?

Three Commands by God - Isaiah 40:1
1. Comfort my people
2. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem
3. Cry to Jerusalem

Three Announcements by God - Isaiah 40:2
1. War is over
2. People are forgiven
3. Double suffering is over

Three Voices - Isaiah 40:3-11

1. Announces God's return to bring his people home (40:3-5)
2. God's word is dependable (40:6-8)
3. Key qualities of God (40:9-11)

Three Point Sermon by Isaiah - Isaiah 40:12-31

1. God is incomprehensible (40:12-17)
2. God is incomparable (40:18-24)
3. God is inexhaustible (40:25-31)