

## Sermon Outline

### Isaiah Series, Part 5: Comfort in an Uncomfortable World

Isaiah 40:1-31

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**Main Idea:** In part 5 of our series in Isaiah we are reminded that life in a fallen world will inevitably lead to times in which life is very uncomfortable. We will feel tried, tested and weak. But in these times, like all others, we are reminded by God himself that He alone is our source of deep, lasting and ultimate comfort.

#### Sermon Outline:

1. How can we find comfort in an uncomfortable world? (v1-11)
  - I. God comforts us when we agree with His glorious goal (e.g. His glory)
  - II. God comforts us when we recognize that only His Word is permanent
  - III. God comforts us when we behold Him
2. Who is this God of all Comfort? (v12-31)

#### Key Text/Quotes:

[10] Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

[11] He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

“What an amazing picture of strength and tenderness! Notice how He uses His arms... His arm is strong! His arms are loving! He only needs one arm to rule, but He uses two to show affection.” Robin, *describing verses 10-11 above.*

#### Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Isaiah 40:1-31 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss Robin’s 3 sub-points above and how they help us to find comfort in God in the midst of difficulty and hardship.
3. While Isaiah had earlier prophesied about Israel and Judah experiencing exile for their rebellion against God, in chapter 40, he begins prophesying about the people’s return to the land and God coming to comfort them. Discuss Robin’s point that we—meaning all believers that have trusted in Christ for salvation—are also exiles from our home with God (read Heb. 11:13 and 13:14) and how, like Isaiah, the NT scriptures equip us for our own tribulation in this world as we rest, trust and hope in Jesus Christ (John 16:33).
4. Discuss Robin’s summation of Isaiah 40:11-12 quoted above.
5. Take time to pray for one another.



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