

I AM - Isaiah 40 Have you not heard? Don't you understand? Greg Munck

Isaiah 40:21-31 NLT

21 Haven't you heard? Don't you understand? Are you deaf to the words of God—the words he gave before the world began? Are you so ignorant?

22 God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to him. He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them.

23 He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing.

24 They hardly get started, barely taking root, when he blows on them and they wither. The wind carries them off like chaff. 25 "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One.

26 Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

27 O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights?28 Haven't you heard? Don't you understand?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

29 He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.30 Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

31 But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

1. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S <u>GREATNESS</u> (V21-26)

God was there before the world began God sits above the earth God spreads out the heavens God is greater and more powerful than the leaders and nations of the world God has no equal

1 Chronicles 29:11 ESV

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

UNDERSTANDING GOD's GREATNESS

2. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S POWER AND WISDOM(V27-28)

God sees your troubles God does not ignore you God is the everlasting God God is the creator of all the earth God never grows weak or weary God's grace cannot be measured

Proverbs 1:7 ESV The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S <u>GREATNESS</u> UNDERSTANDING GOD'S <u>POWER AND WISDOM</u>

3. UNDERSTANDINGS GOD'S <u>STRENGTH</u> (V29-31)

God gives power to the weak. God gives strength to the powerless. God has more energy than young people With God, you will soar high on wings like eagles. With God, you will run and not grow weary. With God, you will walk and not faint.

SOAR WITH JESUS - Ephesians 2:6 NIV And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

RUN THE RACE - Hebrews 12:1 NIV Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

WALK THE WALK - 2 John 6 NIV And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

SOAR WITH JESUS – RUN THE RACE – WALK THE WALK

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Isaiah 40 – Attributes of God

God's word provides comfort for the afflicted. God is the returning LORD. God is the loving Shepherd. God is the God of all wisdom. God was there before the world began. God sits above the earth. God spreads out the heavens. God has no equal. God's greatness surpasses all nations God's greatness surpasses all idols. God's greatness is evident. God created and named the stars. God is the Creator of all. God is full of power and wisdom. God sees your troubles. God does not ignore you. God gives us strength. God is everlasting. God never grows weak or weary. God's grace cannot be measured. God gives power to the weak. God gives strength to the powerless. With God, you will soar high on wings like eagles.

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