



Sermon Title: "The Comfort of Christ"

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

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I. THE COMFORT CHRIST BRINGS

1) Isaiah 40:1 - This comfort, which is ultimately found in Christ, is for those who belong to God.

2) Isaiah 40:2 - The comfort described here is the comfort of a relationship (a legitimate father, child relationship) that involves loving fellowship, necessary discipline, and gracious restoration!

3) Isaiah 40:3-5 - Here we see the comfort of a VOICE (a messenger that would prepare the way for the Lord to come), we see the comfort of God's GLORY (the worth/weight of His nature) being revealed to mankind, and we see the comfort (the assurance/strength) of God's unfailing WORD!

Luke 2:9; John 1:14 -

4) Isaiah 40:6-8 - Don't look for comfort or safety in yourself, in your physical strength and life (you are fading!). Instead, look to the Word of God; look to the God of truth and grace to deliver you, just as He promised!

Isaiah 40:5; John 1:18; John 14:9; Hebrews 1:3 -

5) Isaiah 40:9-11 - Draw never-ending comfort and hope from the One who came to save, who came to heal, who came to protect, who came to lead, who came to endure the pain, wrath, and judgement that we rightly deserve. He was made very uncomfortable for our salvation!

Luke 23:46; Isaiah 40:8; Isaiah 40:9 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What specific statements and promises from Isaiah 40:1-11 should bring us comfort?
2. What does the ministry of John the Baptist (and the call for repentance) have to do with comfort?
3. What does "the glory of the Lord" (verse 5) mean? How does Jesus reveal the glory of God?
4. How do verses 11 and 12 point to Jesus' first and second comings?
5. How do we know that Jesus will come again? How do we know that the glory of the Lord will continue to be revealed? (Hint: verse 5 and verse 8)