HOPE IN THE LORD

Isaiah 40:1–31

Key Verse: 40:31

1. What does God want to do for his people? (1) What did it mean to “comfort” them? What had they been through? (2a) In what sense had they “paid” for their sin? (2b; cf. Lev26:41)
2. To what does the highway for God in the desert refer? (3) How would this “way” be prepared, and how does it describe the human heart? (4) Afterwards, what would happen? (5) What is “the glory of the Lord,” and why does he want all people to see it? What other message did Isaiah hear from God, and why should we know this? (6–8)
3. How should God’s message be announced, and why is it such “good news”? (9) In what three ways is God described? (10,11) How are these truths about God a comfort to his people?
4. What are we asked to measure? (12) What are God’s knowledge and understanding like? (13,14) How does he see the nations? (15–17) In light of who he is, why is idolatry so foolish? (18–20) How is he a contrast to his creation? (21,22) What does he do with the world’s rulers? (23,24) What does looking at the heavens show us? (25,26)
5. How and why were God’s people complaining? (27) What should they and we remember about God? (28) What does God do for his weary people? (29–31) Read verse 31. What does it mean to “hope in the Lord,” and what happens when we do?