

Isaiah 40 Verse 12 How Big is Your God?

9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. 12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

This verse was pointed out in a portion of a sermon I was listening to and it has taken hold of my heart and mind in such a fashion that I didn't even finish listening to the sermon. I know that I have read this verse before since I just preached on the first five verses of this chapter a few weeks ago and even then I missed it. I believe that Elder Herrin also mentioned it in a sermon some time ago.

Who is this message to? The message is an encouragement to Israel, in captivity in Babylon, to believe the message, of deliverance and hope, God has promised. As a born again Christian you have the same message of promise in the world today.

In the context of the chapter; what does the message do? It reminds Israel; the God they are to believe in is bigger, and greater, than anything the world has to offer. It is to encourage them to have faith and belief in the word of God. It should serve us the same way as Christians today.

In your faith, in your mind, in your heart, in every finite capacity you have in life: How big is your God? The God you trust in for your salvation; The God in whom you have hope of eternal life.

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand" Think about how little water you can hold in the hollow of your own hand, and then try to imagine a hand big enough to hold all the waters of the earth in the hollow of it, and then try to imagine the body in comparison to this hand.

"and meted out heaven with the span" 'Meted out' means to measure. A span is the measure of your hand, with the fingers spread, from the end of your thumb to the end of your little finger. The same hand that held the waters of the earth in the hollow of the hand, is the same hand that measured the heavens with the span. The heavens that are visible to our eyes are much larger than the earth and this hand, as I understand this scripture, in one span set the measure of those heavens. This thought does not take into measure; the expanded universe beyond the visible heaven.

"and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure" 'Comprehended' has the definition here of "to measure or to maintain". God has measured all the earth, and as we see in the next phrase he has balanced the mountains and the hills.

"and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance" "Scales" here has the definition of a balance. This tells me that God, in his infinite wisdom, has weighed the parts of the earth and placed them in the proper place to give the earth the perfect balance it needs to be hung in space and time. Added to this thought, God has placed the water upon and in the earth in such a way that the whole earth is balanced.

As we consider all these thoughts; we begin to see a beautiful picture of the God of our salvation, who has given us the gift of salvation by grace, and weighed and put into our own lives everything we need to keep us in harmony with Him. God knows that we need trials, troubles, tribulations, and afflictions, to cause us to remember Him. Just as he had sent Israel into captivity, because they forgot him and turned to idols and whoredoms, so God sends the things we need to bring us to remembrance of who and what he is to us.

We, like Israel, are living in a land of captivity in this world. We, like Israel, having been born again, have the same hope of final deliverance from this land of captivity to an eternal world that Christ has gone to prepare for us.

Considering all this; again I ask you: How big is your God? Thinking of God as the furnisher of our deliverance from captivity and the author of our salvation: Do you really believe that He is able to keep and perform, that which He has given you as a gift, Salvation and Eternal life? Do you have even the faintest imagination of anything that would be comparable in size, to God the Creator? Can you even imagine anything that would be able to prevent God from fulfilling his promise? Consider these texts below:

2Co 1:9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: We shall be raised from the dead unto eternal life. Therefore, we trust that Christ, who will raise us from the dead, will also deliver us to our eternal home; the place he has gone to prepare for us.

2Co 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; Christ, in our rebirth, has delivered us from eternal death and damnation. He will continue to deliver us from eternal death while we live in time, and will finally deliver us into eternal salvation in the resurrection from the dead.

2Co 1:13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; God has written the scriptures for us to read, and to understand, we have a God that is comparable to no created thing, because He is the Creator. Believe God and live forever.

2Co 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: The substance of our faith is Christ, who hath delivered us into the hand of God the Father.

Why do you doubt? Do you believe that there is anything that can take you out of the hand of this God that can hold the earth in its entirety? Remember **2Co 1:13** above and in that which is written, the bible we find where Jesus said in: ***Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.***

Why do you delay in acknowledging that God has saved your souls? Do you really believe that anything can keep the gift of Salvation by Grace from doing its effectual work? If you believe anything less than total security in Christ you don't have God in the right perspective. You have downsized him to something other than what he is.

We often picture Christ, in our minds, a being of finite human body liken unto ours in size, and it was in incarnation. However, the Christ we believe in is so much greater in power and spirit, than we can even imagine. Just as we can't fathom the size of God; we cannot fathom the largeness of Christ's power and might. If we can't comprehend the largeness of God and Christ: Why would we doubt the surety of our salvation? Do you really believe there is anything that can remove you from the hand of God "***Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand***"?

Praise God for faith and trust in one who is able and sufficient. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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