

ISAIAH

The Holy One of Israel

Comfort for God's Exiles: "The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed

The God of Glory: His Coming, Exclusivity, Power

Isaiah 40

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, You are Creator, altogether Other, transcendent. You are unchanging. You are independent. You are Eternal. You are everywhere present. You are our One True God, the Holy One. You are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth and you are our God. We confess our faithlessness this morning, Lord. Our hearts are quick to wrongly assume that if you are so transcendent then you must not care about us. Lord, we daily live as if we have to order and control our own lives. This is evidenced by the absence of comfort and the presence of despair, fear, anxiety and frustration. Lord, by the power of your Spirit and through the truth of Your enduring Word grant us comfort this morning. Not superficial comfort which depends on the empty hopes and wants of this world. But an abiding, enduring, sustaining comfort which is firmly fixed in the cross work of Christ, our Savior, Lord, and great means of eternal comfort. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. God Wants to Comfort His People (vv. 1-11)
2. God Can Comfort His People (vv. 12-26)
3. Conclusion ~ Wait for God's Comfort (vv. 27-31)

Central Textual Truth

Isaiah wanted God's people to find their comfort in God.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ as their only Comfort.