

**"A REMINDER OF OUR GREAT GOD"**

**"BEHOLD YOUR GOD"**

**ISAIAH 40:28-31**

**INTRO:** In our study of Isaiah 40 we have learned some great things about OUR GREAT GOD! The question before us NOW is **HOW HAVE WE BEEN RESPONDING TO THE GREATNESS OF GOD as the result of this study?** Let's not allow this study to come to an end without answering this question because the MORE we understand the GREATNESS OF GOD the MORE we will be SERVING AND WORSHIPPING HIM according to HIS GREATNESS. Today we are coming to the last FOUR VERSES of this GREAT CHAPTER and it is interesting to see that verse 28 begins by asking some questions for us to consider. It is as though the Holy Spirit led Isaiah to ask these questions so that we will not come to the end of the chapter without RESPONDING TO GOD'S GREATNESS. Let's observe the text so as to once again **REMINDE OURSELVES OF THE GREATNESS OF OUR GREAT GOD.**

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**I. A FOCUS ON WHO GOD IS - VS. 28**

**NOTE:** This focus comes by means of a series of questions derived from the verse.

A. Have you Forgotten God?

**"HAVE YOU NOT KNOWN...HAVE YOU NOT HEARD?"**

**NOTE:** These are two serious questions for us to consider....Most of us have been taught about GOD'S GREATNESS...but DO WE REMEMBER WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS and HAVE WE ALLOWED WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO GUIDE OUR LIVES?

**NOTE:** A Warning about FORGETTING GOD - Hosea 4:6

B. Have you Remembered God's Qualities?

**"THE EVERLASTING GOD, THE LORD, THE CREATOR"**

1. That God is EVERLASTING = **Why is this necessary to remember?**

a. Because it shows God's PREEMINENT POSITION in the Universe

**IF GOD IS ETERNAL, AND HE IS, THEN THERE IS NONE GREATER**

b. Because it gives us GREAT SECURITY as we trust in Him.

**GOD'S ETERNAL EXISTENCE GIVES US GREAT SECURITY TO TRUST**

2. That God is THE LORD = **Why is this necessary to remember?**

a. Because it reminds us that He is the MASTER of all things.

b. Because we are to be His SERVANTS in all things.

3. That God is the CREATOR = **Why is this necessary to remember?**

a. Because it reminds us from whence all things have come.

b. Because it reminds us of His great POWER AND MIGHT.

C. Have you Considered God's Strength?

**"HE FAINTETH NOT, NEITHER IS WEARY"**

1. If God fainted for one split second, the universe would go into chaos.

2. If God got weary all moral order would cease.

D. Have you Recognized that God is Beyond our Understanding?

**"THERE IS NO SEARCHING OF HIS UNDERSTANDING"**

1. This DOES NOT mean that GOD CANNOT BE KNOWN.

**GOD CAN CERTAINLY BE KNOWN**

a. He is known through His Word - Isaiah 45:21,22

b. He is known through Jesus Christ - John 1:18

c. He is known through His Holy Spirit - John 14:26

d. He is known through His Actions - Ezekiel 14:8

e. He is known His Relationship with Believers - Romans 8:15

2. This DOES mean that God is FAR ABOVE OUR GREATEST UNDERSTANDING and therefore we must trust Him in ALL THINGS.

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**II. A FOCUS ON WHAT GOD DOES - VSS. 29-31**

**NOTE:** This focus comes by means of observing God's actions.

A. God Gives Power to the Faint - Vs. 29a

-Though God does not faint, we do at times and HE has the ability to give us **SUPERABUNDANT ENERGY** to do His will.

B. God Gives Strength to the Weak - Vs. 29b

-Though God does not become weak, we do at times and HE has the ability to give us **UNIMAGINABLE STRENGTH** to do His will and work.

C. God is Separate from Humanity - Vs. 30

-God will never faint, get weary or fall like we do at times.

D. God Equips those who Wait Upon Him - Vs. 31

NOTE: To "**WAIT UPON THE LORD**" means to "KEEP OUR EYES FAST ON GOD'S FACE." That is, KEEPING OUR EYES ON HIM ALWAYS.

1. God Renews our Strength

-When we need more strength to do His will....HE GIVES IT!

2. God Revives our Christian Growth

a. The Young Christian mounts up and flies spiritually like the eagle.

b. The Adult Christian runs the race to spiritual completion.

c. The Mature Christian walks consistently to spiritual endurance.

NOTE: **GOD DOES ALL OF THIS FOR US SO THAT WE WILL SERVE, HONOR AND GLORIFY HIM.**

ILLUSTRATION:

**APPLICATION/LESSON:**

1) Let's consistently review the GREATNESS OF GOD.

2) Let's determine to grow in our understanding of GOD'S GREATNESS.

3) Let's PRAISE, WORSHIP AND SERVE HIM for WHO HE IS!