

"THE ETERNALLY SECURE WORD OF GOD"

ISAIAH 40:1-11

TEXT: VERSE 8

INTRO: Everything in the universe around us is temporary, and it was made to be that way by **GOD HIMSELF**. But **GOD AND HIS WORD ARE ETERNAL AND WILL NEVER PASS AWAY** which brings security to those of us who know God as we live in the midst of a temporal and passing realm. Regarding **GOD'S WORD**, from the very beginning of its existence, there have been those who have attempted to destroy it but have not been able to do so because it is **GOD'S WORD - IT WILL NEVER PASS AWAY**. Today for our study, we are going to consider **THE ETERNALLY SECURE WORD OF GOD, WHICH I TRUST WILL ENCOURAGE US ALL AS WE LIVE IN A CONSTANT CHANGING WORLD.**

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH has a **REVEALING MESSAGE** in which God deals with the Kingdom of **JUDAH** in reference to her sins, her judgments, and her ultimate restoration. Isaiah has 66 chapters and is actually divided into two parts:

1) GOD'S CONDEMNATION – Chapters 1-39 – Where Isaiah deals with Judah's sin and judgment.

2) GOD'S CONSOLATION – Chapters 40-66 – Where Isaiah deals with God's grace and restoration of Judah. **A LOT OF WHAT ISAIAH SAYS ABOUT GOD'S RESTORATION OF JUDAH IS GROUNDED IN CHAPTER 40:1-11, AND PARTICULARLY VERSE 8 THAT SAYS: "THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."**

NOTE: When Isaiah spoke the words of this book, Judah still had about 100 years of difficulty ahead of her before she fell to Babylon and then the 70 years of captivity. Anticipating the future captivity and restoration, Isaiah wrote to encourage Judah to live righteously, turn to God and trust in Him.

A LOOK AT ISAIAH 40:1-11

1) ISAIAH'S MESSAGE OF GOD'S PARDON – VSS. 1,2

-Judah had sinned greatly against the Lord with idolatry, injustice, immorality and insensitivity to His prophets, but God was willing to pardon them.

-LESSON: We should not sin, but when we do, God is willing to pardon – 1 John 1:9

2) ISAIAH'S MESSAGE OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE – VSS. 3-5

-Judah had sinned and was going to be destroyed, and even though she had rough times ahead, God in His **PROVIDENCE** will eventually restore her.

-LESSON: When we get away from God, the way back may not be easy because of the chastisement we may face, but God will **PROVIDENTIALLY PARDON** if we repent.

3) ISAIAH'S MESSAGE OF GOD'S PROMISE – VSS. 6-8

-Judah was going to have to face the **BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY**, God's Word promised them that eventually Babylon would pass away but His promise to them would remain

-LESSON: No matter what we have to face, we can take **COMFORT IN GOD'S ETERNAL WORD**.

4) ISAIAH'S MESSAGE OF GOD'S PEACE – VSS. 9-11

-Judah will eventually come out of Judgment and God will take care of her like a shepherd takes care of his sheep.

-LESSON: When we have been chastened by the Lord and repent, God will bless us with **PEACE** and a wholesome relationship with Him.

AN EXAMINATION OF VERSE 8

1) All of the promises of God are based on **HIS WORD** that will stand forever. Judah needed that reminder and so do we today.

2) God's Word will stand forever, because it is **ABSOLUTE TRUTH** and **NOTHING** can change **ABSOLUTE TRUTH**. Psalm 119:160; 2 Samuel 7:28; John 17:17

3) Because God's Word will stand forever and **IS ABSOLUTE TRUTH**, we can and must **DEPEND UPON IT** for everything **TEMPORAL AND ETERNAL**.

THE SECURITY OF GOD'S WORD

I. GOD'S WORD IS PERSONAL – "The Word of **OUR God shall Stand Forever."**

OUR GOD HAS GIVEN US **HIS PERSONAL WORD FOR INSIGHT IN LIFE**

- A. God's Word is His Direct Revelation to Mankind
- B. God's Word is His Direct Truth to Obey
- C. God's Word is His Direct Insight to His Greatness
- D. God's Word is His Direct Standard for Living

II. GOD'S WORD IS POWERFUL – “The Word of Our God shall STAND Forever.”

OUR GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS POWERFUL WORD FOR VICTORIOUS LIVING

NOTE: The Hebrew word for “STAND” means to rise, abide, accomplish, continue, hold, remain, strengthen, and succeed and does so because it is TRUTH.

- A. God's Word is Enlightening Truth – About Himself and Mankind
- B. God's Word is Inviting Truth – Inviting a Personal Relationship with Him
- C. God's Word is Commanding Truth – To live According to His Will
- D. God's Word is Comforting Truth – To Comfort in the Time of Need
- E. God's Word is Warning Truth – To warn about Sin and Disobedience
- F. God's Word is Hope-Giving Truth – About eternity with God.

III. GOD'S WORD IS PERPETUAL – “The Word of Our God shall Stand FOREVER.”

OUR GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS PERPETUAL WORD TO TRUST FOREVER

- A. Many Efforts have been made to Destroy God's Word
- B. Many Efforts have been made to Deny God's Word

GOD'S WORD IS ETERNAL – Matthew 5:18; 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23-25

LESSON AND APPLICATION

What Does All of this mean to Us Today?

- 1) We Can and Must Trust in God's Word!
- 2) We Can and Must Live According to God's Word!
- 3) We Can and Must Promote and Share God's Word!
- 4) We SHOULD AND MUST PRAISE GOD FOR HIS ETERNALLY SECURE WORD!