

"THE CHALLENGE OF ISAIAH 40:21-24"
REGARDING GOD'S GREATNESS
GOD IS ABOVE ALL THINGS...SUPREME GREATNESS

I. THE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S GREATNESS - Vs. 21

GOD IS TO BE KNOWN BY HIS GREATNESS

FOUR SERIOUS QUESTIONS FOR JUDAH TO CONSIDER THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO US TODAY REGARDING GOD'S GREATNESS:

- Have you not known?
- Have you not heard?
- Have you not been told?
- Have you not understood?

A. The Reality of God's Greatness

- To those of us brought up in Christian homes:
-We should have been taught God's greatness-

B. The Response to God's Greatness

1. To Know Him better.
-Who He is; What He Expects; How He Operates
2. To Serve and Serve Him better.

OBSERVATION: **THE OLDER WE ARE THE MORE SPIRITUALLY STALE WE BECOME**

ILLUSTRATION:

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II. THE ESSENCE OF GOD'S GREATNESS - Vss. 22-24

SOME SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF GOD'S GREATNESS

A. God's Position Above the Earth - Vs. 22a

1. The word "CIRCLE" is applicable to the spherical form of the earth, above which God sits. An ancient proof that the earth is not flat.

2. This expresses God's **HIGH AND MIGHTY POSITION ABOVE ALL OF THE EARTH AND HUMANITY.**

3. As God looks down upon the Earth, humanity seems like little insects and YET HE LOVES US ALL! (Cp. Psalm 8:4; John 3:16)

B. God's Provision in Creation - Vs. 22b

"HE STRETCHED OUT THE HEAVENS LIKE A CURTAIN..."

1. God literally **SPOKE** the Universe into existence.

Cp. Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,20,24,26,29

2. God literally **UPHOLDS AND MAINTAINS** the Universe

Cp. Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3

3. This also expresses God's **HIGH AND MIGHTY POSITION ABOVE ALL OF THE EARTH AND HUMANITY.**

C. God's Placement of Leadership on Earth - Vss. 23,24

1. God places every leader into position

Cp. Romans 13:1-7

2. God replaces every leader out of position - Cp. Daniel 2:21

3. This indicates God's **SOVEREIGN CONTROL** over Government

4. This also expresses God's **HIGH AND MIGHTY POSITION ABOVE ALL THE EARTH AND HUMANITY.**

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III. THE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S GREATNESS

SOME PERSONAL QUESTIONS FOR US TO CONSIDER REGARDING EXPRESSING GOD'S GREATNESS

A. How do we respond to the Greatness of God?

-Do we really selflessly obey, worship and serve Him?

B. How have we allowed the Greatness of God to Change our Lives?

1. Do we fully trust and depend upon Him?

2. Do we seek out and do His will?

C. What are we doing to teach the Greatness of God to Others?

FOUR SERIOUS QUESTIONS TO ASK OTHERS IN TEACHING THEM ABOUT GOD'S GREATNESS:

- Have you not known?
 - Have you not heard?
 - Have you not been told?
 - Have you not understood?
1. On a Personal Level
 - a. Do we sacrifice our time and talent to teach others about God?
 - b. Do we seek to disciple others?
 - c. Do we exemplify God before others
 2. On a Church Level
 - Are we doing all we SHOULD (**NOT CAN**) to teach others about God?

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APPLICATION/LESSON:

IF THE REALITY OF THE GREATNESS OF GOD HAS LITTLE OR NO EFFECT UPON US, THEN WE MAY WANT TO EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD! REALIZING HOW GREAT GOD IS WILL MOTIVATE THE CHRISTIAN WHO LOVES GOD TO COMMIT TO THE WORSHIP - THE PRAISE - AND THE SERVING OF GOD! **WHAT ABOUT YOU?**