

“WHY BEHOLD YOUR GOD?”
ISAIAH 40:1-31

INTRO: Recently we have completed our study on ISAIAH 40 under the title of BEHOLD YOUR GOD. What a study it has been and I trust it has made a positive impact upon our lives spiritually speaking. To a certain degree, I have struggled in delivering the sermons of this study for the following reasons:

- 1) Because as a human being, I am so limited in communicating the GREATNESS OF GOD in a sermon series.
- 2) Because my desire was to obey God and lay out before you the FIFTEEN GREAT THINGS about God in this chapter with the proper teaching of the text that would result in our service, praise, and worship of Him.
- 3) Because I did not want the series to be above our heads to the point that we just “BLOW IT AWAY” as simply another sermon or Bible study.

Today I want us to bring this series to closure, as it were, by asking the question: “WHY BEHOLD YOUR GOD?” Some of this will be a review. But I trust all of it will be refreshing and lead us to the point that **DAILY WE WILL FOCUS ON GOD BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS...HE IS GOD AND GOD ALONE!**

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NOTE ISAIAH 40:9

“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.”

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REVIEW THE 15 GREAT THINGS ABOUT GOD IN ISAIAH 40

NOTE: These 15 great elements of God are not the only such presentations in scripture of God’s greatness. The scripture is FILLED with God’s greatness

NOTE: GOD IS SO GREAT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FULLY COMPREHEND HIS GREATNESS...BUT WE MUST MAKE KNOWING HIM MORE OUR LIFE’S GOAL – PHILIPPIANS 3:10

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NOTE: The word “BEHOLD” in verse 9 means “TO SEE ALL OVER”

-Liken this to looking at a new born baby...

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CONSIDER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE CLOSURE OF THIS STUDY

I. WHY DID GOD LEAD US INTO THIS STUDY?

- A. He wants us to Behold Him.
- B. He wants us to Know Him.
- C. He knows that we get distracted and forget Him
- D. He wants us to Worship, Praise and Serve in a genuine fashion that only comes through BEHOLDING HIM.

ILLUSTRATION:

II. WHAT KEEPS US FROM BEHOLDING GOD?

- A. A Lack of Interest in Beholding Him.
- B. A Lack of Effort in Beholding Him.
- C. A Lack of a Biblical World View.
- D. A Sense of Personal Pride.
- E. A Focus on Other Material/Worldly Things.
- F. An Overwhelming awareness of Life’s Issues.

ILLUSTRATION:

III. WHY SHOULD WE BEHOLD GOD?

- A. From God’s Perspective
 1. God told us to “Behold Him” and that is the MAIN REASON!
 2. God is Glorified when we “Behold Him” which should be our desire!
- B. From Our Perspective

WE MUST BEHOLD HIM BECAUSE:

1. We have such a limited knowledge of Him and need to learn more.
2. We need to learn more about how He works in our lives.
3. We must trust Him more.
4. We will not be distracted by other things in life.
5. We need to do so in order to get through the pains of this life.

6. We will sense His great comfort.
 7. We need to focus on God rather than other people and things that Satan will use to disrupt our spiritual walk.
 - 8.. We need to see Him in His Greatness in order that our service, praise and worship will be more genuine as He desires and deserves.
- ILLUSTRATION:

IV. HOW CAN WE BEHOLD GOD MORE?

- A. Through a Personal Determination to do so
- B. Through the Study of His Word – Isaiah 45:1-7; 20-25
- C. Through Observing His Works – Psalm 40:5
- D. Through Viewing His Creation – Psalm 19:1

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION/CONCLUSION:

1) ARE ***YOU*** BEHOLDING GOD? BE TOTALLY HONEST!

-If so, Praise the Lord.

-If not, then why not?

2) MAKE A PERSONAL DETERMINATION ***RIGHT NOW*** TO TURN YOUR EYES UPON GOD EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY SO AS TO SEE HIS GREATNESS AND THEN PRAISE, WORSHIP AND SERVE HIM AS HE DESIRES AND DESERVES.

***DON'T MISS OUT ON THE GREATNESS OF GOD!
BEHOLD YOUR GOD? MAKE SURE HE IS YOUR GOD!***