

God, The Incomparable One



Big Idea Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Sermon Text

Isa 40:25-31



Big Idea

Realizing our inadequacies and brokenness, we graciously wait on the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, whose untiring love and unfathomable wisdom secures our good! We can rest in Him for He is great, great Father and we are loved by him

Does life not sometimes feel like one continuous struggle to keep your head above water? The unexpected and unexplained twists of life can be overwhelming at times, leaving us seemingly helpless and hopeless.

True Deity: To Whom will you compare Me? (vs 25-26)

In the midst of pain and uncertainty, there is a temptation to fashion idols after the desires of our hearts. But these idols are simple counterfeits that can never satisfy. True deity is found in God, and never in idols we craft. The transcendence of God ensures that He cannot and will not fail

Has God Forgotten Me? (vs 27)

Sometimes the hardest part of facing affliction is my helplessness which quickly turns to hopelessness, for I cannot make this go away. This hopelessness is a result of the uncertainty that stares me in the face. I do not want to wait and yet I am not in control to change this situation, whatever it may be. Hence the question, has God forgotten me?

The Eternal, Limitless and Untiring God (vs 28)

In response to the question "has God forgotten me?" God points us to the Sufficiency of all things, namely Himself! Our God is such that we never need doubt his capacity; he is also such that possessing unfathomable wisdom, we must never expect to understand all his ways. Due to the level of his wisdom and the scale at which he works, you cannot expect to understand his ways...but you can trust in His love

Those Who Wait (Hope) on the Lord (vs 29-31)

"Youth" represents the maximum threshold of our abilities and capacities. And that is not enough, it has its limits and it will be overcome by circumstances. It is those who reject bending inwards but rather turn to God; those who are humble enough to be abandoned into his hands, are the ones who are promised renewed strength.

What God offers you, in lieu of your idols and pain, is an identity as a beloved child of the Most High! This exchange is made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus, who was delivered up for our sins and raised up for our justification!



Homework

- Pick a passage a scripture that speaks to you. Here are some examples: Psalm 23, James 4:1-10, Isa 40:25-31, etc.
- Do your best to memorize it. If not, read it often and keep working on memorizing it
- Study it, read commentaries on it and most of all meditate (churn it over in your mind) often. You could commit to reciting and slowly walking through it twice a day.
- Pray with it, journal on it, discuss what it brings to mind with trusted friends or spouse
- Do this for a month and see where God takes you with it
- Don't stress about not remembering to meditate upon it or not being able to memorize it, the key is immersing yourself in it, one way or the other

