

Majesty of God

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I. Introduction.

- A. God intends to inspire us to fear Him and to do good to us. (Jeremiah 32:8)
- B. Fearing God means stand in awe of His majesty, to honor His authority, to dread His wrath, and to give Him the glory that He is due.
- C. Text: Isaiah 40.
- D. This text makes clear God's majesty through His power, His sovereignty and His wisdom.

II. We see God's majesty and power in His creation. (Isaiah 40:12, 25-26; Psalm 33:6-9; Job 26:7-14; Matthew 10:30; Exodus 4:11-12; Acts 17:25; Hebrews 1:2-3)

- A. God holds the oceans in the palm of His hand.
- B. God created and calls each star by name, sustaining their courses.
- C. We only see a portion of what God is actually doing in nature.
- D. God is intimately acquainted and involved in your life, down to sustaining your cells and your life and the laws of nature.

III. God is majestic in His infinite wisdom. (Isaiah 40:13-14, 28; Job 11:7-9; Romans 11:33; Isaiah 55:8-9; Ephesians 1:11)

- A. We cannot fathom the mind of God or understand what God is doing in any given event.
- B. God is never worried or frustrated. He never has more on His plate than He can handle.
- C. God is working every event in the universe according to His will.

IV. God is majestic in His sovereign rule over the events of mankind. (Isaiah 40:15-17, 22-24; Daniel 4:17, 29-30, 33-35; Romans 1)

- A. The power structures of the nations are of no consequence before God's greatness.
- B. God is sovereign over the events of history.
- C. God can do anything at anytime in any way with anyone that He pleases.
 - 1. God is sovereign, but He exercises that sovereignty only in ways consistent with kindness, justice, and righteousness.
 - 2. The chaos that we see in the world is God in His sovereignty and judgment giving humankind over to its own sinfulness and wickedness.

Application questions:

1. How is the chaos of the world a reflection of God's sovereignty, according to this message?

2. How does the realization that God is not overwhelmed by your circumstances impact your perspective on the situations that you are facing today?

3. Why is it necessary to understand the majesty of God?
