

The background of the slide is a photograph of a dramatic landscape. It features steep, dark mountains with some greenery, rising from a body of water. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with a brighter patch of light breaking through in the distance. The overall mood is somber and majestic.

ConnectGroups

Isa. 38-40

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Isa. 38 NKJV

- In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’ ”
- ² Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, ³ and said, “Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what is* good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Isa. 38 NKJV

- **Notice that just after the Victory – GOD’s defeat of Assyria, a challenge comes. Hezekiah was deathly sick & Isaiah tells him to set his house in order!**
 - **“Set backs”**
 - **“Disasters”**
 - **“Trouble”... all of these things can quickly come into our lives and bring what looks to be a wreck!**
- **Hezekiah goes to The LORD in earnest prayer!**
 - **This should be our recourse as well.**

Isa. 38 NKJV

- GOD hears Hezekiah and HE hears us as well.
- GOD answers...
 - May be yes, no, or wait. We must rest in knowing that HE loves best and will do best. Faith is “trusting” HIM even if we “don’t see HIS hand”.
 - HE brought healing to the king. HE can do the same in your life today!
 - HE can heal you. HE can protect you. HE can heal this nation.
 - What is important is to know HIM and to know that HE has us in HIS hands. Whatever HE does or allows will work out for our good IF we belong to HIM!

Isa. 39 NKJV

- ⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: ⁶ ‘Behold, the days are coming when all that *is* in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 39 NKJV

- Hezekiah used “bad judgement”, he did not consult GOD, and he showed the Babylonian ambassadors all of the treasures of Israel.
- GOD sends word by Isaiah that these treasures would one day be carried off to Babylon.
- GOD knows the future & has plans. We need to make sure we are following HIS plans rather than our own.

Isa. 40 NKJV

- **“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”
Says your God.**
 - **GOD is sending comfort. The SPIRIT of
GOD is our COMFORTER!**
- **The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.”**
 - **We can trust HIS Word! It has stood the test of
time (and will stand the test of the future).**
 - **The institutions of man are temporal but GOD
is eternal. We are seeing this vividly portrayed
before us today!**

Isa. 40 NKJV

- He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry *them* in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are with young.
 - GOD desires to shepherd HIS flock (that is us!).
Notice the tender care & compassion. HIS
personal care for you!
- Vv 18 and following talk of the majesty,
might, power, & wonder of GOD and that
HE imparts power to HIS people!
 - Do you know JESUS CHRIST? Are you
experiencing HIS Power and Peace?