

STRENGTH FOR THE WEARY

Isaiah 40.1-8, 27-31

The second part of Isaiah (chs 40-66) deals with the Israelites during the Babylonian captivity. In chapter 40, Isaiah writes to a people whose whole world has been shattered, and they have numerous questions regarding their relationship with God. Isaiah seeks to comfort the people and give them hope by reminding them of the foundational truths of God.

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40.31

WHAT GIVES US HOPE?

1. I am a **CHILD OF GOD**. *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. v1*

Yet to all who did receive him (Jesus), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1.12

2. I am **FORGIVEN**. *...that her sin has been paid for... v2*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.9

Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free, which means our sins are now forgiven... Ephesians 1.7 CEV

3. I am **LOVED** and **CARED FOR** by God. *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart... v11*

Luke 15

4. I am a part of a **BETTER FUTURE**.

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. v31

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21.4-5

5. I can trust **GOD'S WORD**.

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." v8

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119.105

Next Steps:

1. **CLAIM** these **TRUTHS!**

2. **READ** the **BIBLE**

3. Don't sit back and wait for it but **JOIN** the **KINGDOM PARADE**.

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?