

The LORD Does Not Grow Weary

Isaiah 40:27-31

Theme: Answering _____ (v. 27)

- * Does God care or even know about my _____?
- * Does God care or even know about my _____?

1. Yahweh has _____ been able & willing (v. 28-29)

a. _____: No limitations!

- i. Of _____
- ii. Of _____
- iii. Of _____
- iv. Of _____

b. _____: Giving Character!

- i. _____ to the tired
- ii. _____ power to the totally weak

2. “_____” Man has never been able (v. 30)

- a. Even _____ men get tired & grow weary
- b. Even “_____” men surely stumble!

3. “_____” Man can become able (v. 31)

a. _____ – “waiting on Yahweh”

- i. Requires _____
- ii. Requires _____
- iii. Requires _____

b. _____ answer – “will newly gain strength”

c. _____ abilities

- i. _____ like eagles
- ii. _____ without weariness
- iii. _____ without getting tired

Quote from John Calvin on Isaiah 40:31

“Violent men dash themselves to pieces by their own eagerness, but the vigor of godly men, though it has less display, and often appears to lie buried while they calmly ‘wait for’ God’s assistance, is refreshed and renewed. We must therefore return to the saying of Paul, that ‘the power of God is made perfect in our weakness.’ (2 Cor. 12:9) We must therefore be fully convinced of our weakness, that we may yield to the power of God. The Jews, who were oppressed by that cruel captivity, had great need of this doctrine; but for us also, during this wretchedly ruinous condition of the Church, it is exceedingly needful.”

Quote from John Ortland, Jr. on Isaiah 40:27-31

“The key word is ‘wait.’ What does it mean? To wait for the Lord means to live in confident, eager suspense. It means to live with the tension of promises revealed but not yet fulfilled. This waiting is not killing time. It isn’t sitting around, drumming your fingers. It is waiting on tip-toe, waiting with eager longing. It is forgetting what lies behind, straining forward to what lies ahead, and pressing on toward the goal (Philippians 3:13, 14). It isn’t erratic bursts of hyperactivity within a general pattern of boredom. It is steady, rugged progress, sustained by the conviction that the display of God’s glory in Christ is *yours*.”

“Some translations of the Bible say that our part is to ‘hope’ in the Lord. That isn’t wrong. But the ESV is wise to use the word ‘wait,’ because waiting is an important part of our faith. Waiting is what faith does *before* God’s answer shows up. God gives us great and precious promises, and then he calls us to wait.”

Read through the Bible in a year!

Mar 21: Joshua 7-9; Luke 1:21-38

Mar 25: Josh 19-21; Lk 2:25-52

Mar 22: Joshua 10-12; Luke 1:39-56

Mar 26: Joshua 22-24; Luke 3

Mar 23: Joshua 13-15; Luke 1:57-80

Mar 27: Judges 1-3; Luke 4:1-30

Mar 24: Joshua 16-18; Luke 2:1-24

*** Lord willing, all who complete the reading at the end of the year will be invited to a dinner and celebration at the end of the year!***