

COMFORT MY PEOPLE

Isaiah 40:1-8, 27-31

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I. WHO ARE WE TO WAIT ON? A Person

A. The Manner in which we should speak.

Isaiah 40:1-2

¹"Comfort, O comfort My people," says your G-d. ²"Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the L-rd's hand double for all her sins."

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A. The Manner in which we should speak.

1. Her Persecution has ended.

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2. Her Pardon has been provided.

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3. Her Punishment has been sufficient.

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B. The Message that should be shared:

1. In terms of Prophecy.

Isaiah 40:3-8

³A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the L-rd in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our G-d. ⁴"Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley;

Isaiah 40:3-8

⁵ Then the glory of the L-rd will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the L-rd has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Call out." Then he answered, "What shall I call out?" All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the L-rd blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

Isaiah 40:3-8

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our G-d stands forever.

Malachi 3:1-6

¹ "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me And the L-rd, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the L-rd of hosts. ² "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

Malachi 3:1-6

³ "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the L-rd offerings in righteousness. ⁴ "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the L-rd as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-6

⁵ "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien and do not fear Me," says the L-rd of hosts. ⁶ "For I, the L-rd, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

I. WHO ARE WE TO WAIT ON? A Person

B. The Message that should be shared:

2. In terms of the Person.

Mark 1:2-3

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; ³ THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE L-RD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'"

Luke 7:10-28

¹⁰ When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. ¹¹ Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. ¹² Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

Luke 7:10-28

¹³ When the L-rd saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Yeshua gave him back to his mother.

Luke 7:10-28

¹⁶ Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying G-d, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "G-d has visited His people!" ¹⁷ This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district. ¹⁸ The disciples of John reported to him about all these things. ¹⁹ Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the L-rd, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"

Luke 7:10-28

²⁰ When the men came to Him, they said, "John the Immerser has sent us to You, to ask, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?'" ²¹ At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind.

Luke 7:10-28

²² And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. ²³ "Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."

Luke 7:10-28

²⁴ When the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are found in royal palaces! ²⁶ "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

Luke 7:10-28

²⁷ "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' ²⁸ "I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of G-d is greater than he."

1 Peter 1:22-25

²² Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, ²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of G-d.

1 Peter 1:22-25

²⁴ For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, ²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE L-RD ENDURES FOREVER " And this is the word which was preached to you.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

A. We Fail to trust His timing and His ways.

Isaiah 40:27

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the L-rd, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my G-d"?

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

A. We Fail to trust His timing and His ways.

1. Because we think that G-d does not understand what we are Experiencing.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

A. We Fail to trust His timing and His ways.

2. Because we think that G-d does not care about what we are experiencing.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

B. We Forget Who G-d is!

1. He is omnipresent – everywhere at once, at any moment of time.

Psalm 139:7-12

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me.

Psalm 139:7-12

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night," ¹² Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light are alike to You.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

B. We Forget Who G-d is!

2. He is omnipotent.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

B. We Forget Who G-d is!

3. He is omniscient.

Psalm 139:1-6

¹ O L-rd, You have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar.

Psalm 139:1-6

³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O L-rd, You know it all.

⁵ You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

C. We Find other sources of strength instead of seeing our need of His power.

1. His capacity is greater than ours.

Isaiah 40:29

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power.

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

C. We Find other sources of strength instead of seeing our need of His power.

1. His capacity is greater than ours.

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II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

C. We Find other sources of strength instead of seeing our need of His power.

1. His capacity is greater than ours.

- His strength is available when ours runs out.

- His supply is inexhaustible

II. WHY DO WE NOT WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Problem

C. We Find other sources of strength instead of seeing our need of His power.

2. Our Capabilities are limited

III. WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IF WE WAIT? His Provision

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ Yet those who wait for the L-rd will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

III. WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IF WE WAIT? His Provision

A. Spiritual Power.

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁷ so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of G-d.

Ephesians 3:14-21

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the congregation and in Messiah Yeshua to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

III. WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IF WE WAIT?

His Provision

B. Unusual Peace

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to G-d. ⁷ And the peace of G-d, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Yeshua.

III. WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IF WE WAIT?

His Provision

C. Continual Perseverance

James 1:2-4

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON

THE LORD? Our Practice

A. We Believe His promises.

Psalm 37:7-9

⁷ Rest in the L-RD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

Psalm 37:7-9

⁷ Rest in the L-RD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. ⁸ Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing. ⁹ For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the L-RD, they will inherit the land.

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Practice

B. We Understand our lives are in His hands
Psalm 39:4-7

⁴"L-RD, make me to know my end and what is the extent of my days; let me know how transient I am. ⁵"Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; surely every man at his best is a mere breath.

Psalm 39:4-7

⁶"Surely every man walks about as a phantom; surely they make an uproar for nothing; he amasses riches and does not know who will gather them. ⁷"And now, L-rd, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Practice

C. We Trust in His mercy.

Psalm 52:7-9

⁷"Behold, the man who would not make G-d his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and was strong in his evil desire."

Psalm 52:7-9

⁸But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of G-d; I trust in the lovingkindness of G-d forever and ever. ⁹I will give You thanks forever, because You have done it, and I will wait on Your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Practice

D. We Follow His directions.

Psalm 25:1-5

¹To You, O L-RD, I lift up my soul. ²O my G-d, in You I trust, do not let me be ashamed; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

Psalm 25:1-5

⁴Make me know Your ways, O L-RD; teach me Your paths. ⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the G-d of my salvation; for You I wait all the day.

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Practice

E. We Rely upon His protection.

Psalm 62:1-8

¹ My soul waits in silence for G-d only; from Him is my salvation. ² He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken. ³ How long will you assail a man, that you may murder him, all of you, like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?

Psalm 62:1-8

⁴ They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; they delight in falsehood; they bless with their mouth, but inwardly they curse. Selah. ⁵ My soul, wait in silence for G-d only, for my hope is from Him. ⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 62:1-8

⁷ On G-d my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in G-d. ⁸ Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; G-d is a refuge for us. Selah.

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Practice

F. We Look only to Him for forgiveness

Psalm 130:1-8

¹ Out of the depths I have cried to You, O L-rd. ² L-rd, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. ³ If You, L-rd, should mark iniquities, O L-rd, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the L-rd, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope.

Psalm 130:1-8

⁶ My soul waits for the L-rd more than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the L-rd; for with the L-rd there is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption. ⁸ And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAIT ON THE LORD? Our Practice

G. We Depend upon His power, not our own

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ Yet those who wait for the L-rd will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Main Idea Clue

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- A. Sub Point Clue
- 1. Sub Point Clue
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¹ Word. ² new word. ³ final word. ⁴ new word. ⁵ final word. ⁶ new word. ⁷ final word. ⁸ new word. ⁹ final word. ¹⁰ final word.

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