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God is Great

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- God is great – so we do not have to be in control.
- God is glorious – so we do not have to fear others.

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- God is good – so we do not have to look elsewhere.
- God is gracious – so we do not have to prove ourselves.

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Psalm 145:1-9 (ESV)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

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Psalm 145:1-9 (ESV)

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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Psalm 145:1-9 (ESV)

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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Psalm 145:1-9 (ESV)

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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Isaiah 40

- God is the great Creator, so you can trust him.
- God is the holy Ruler, so you can follow him.

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

¹³ Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord,
or what man shows him his counsel?

¹⁴ Whom did he consult, and who made him
understand? Who taught him the path of
justice, and taught him knowledge, and
showed him the way of understanding?

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.

¹⁶ Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

¹⁹ An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains.

²⁰ He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator
of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or
grow weary; his understanding is

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew

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Isaiah 40:12-31 (ESV)

their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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John 10:11 (ESV)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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