



I AM Elohim, The Supreme One

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TODAY'S READING: Isaiah 40

Background:

The children of Israel are in captivity, held by the Babylonians. Think about this, this once-rich society was reduced to a people without a country and without a God. They were exiles in a foreign land--a land where they once thought very little of Gentile nations. This once powerful and great society was guilty of a heinous sin as they embraced the idols of their time. These individuals had rebelled against their God and are now suffering great humiliation and chastening.

Now the Lord wanted to comfort His people and speak towards their restoration: *"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Tell her that her sad days are gone and her sins are pardoned. Yes, the LORD has punished her twice over for all her sins"* (Isaiah 40:2, NLT).

Even though sin had broken the fellowship between God and His people, Isaiah was sent to remind them of their loving, merciful, and gracious God. Isaiah had to help them look past their circumstances, and beyond their punishment, to the return of the Glory of the Lord! *"The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken"* (Isaiah 40:5, NKJV).

Elohim had spoken indeed! However, there were more than likely some who were not on board with the changes that needed to be made in regard to how people were living. Isaiah then addresses the mortality of man. He gives a wonderful example of flesh as it is represented as the vulnerability of grass and flowers, *"The voice said, 'Cry out!' And he said, 'What shall I cry?' All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever"* (Isaiah 40:6-8, NKJV).

Yes, the prophet brings out many things in this passage of scripture, but the one thing that stands out to me is the awesome power of our Almighty God. It is He who sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain. We cannot liken anyone or anything to the superiority our God. There is another point of Isaiah's message about God of the Israelites that I do not want you to miss: *"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength"* (Isaiah 40:12,28-29, NKJV).

In closing, my dear friends, please note that it matters not what sin you have committed in the past, your Heavenly Father is at the ready to show you mercy and forgive you. You only need to have a repentant heart and turn from the evil that separated you from Him. Some may feel their sin may be too heinous to be forgiven. My friend, if this is you, please look back over the Israelites' relationship with their God. They wandered from God time and time again. However, their loving, forgiving, merciful, and gracious God took them back. He will do the same for you. It is time for you to feel His comfort and His grace.

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, Jehovah God, we thank You for our time with You in Your Word today. Thank You for helping us to understand more about You and Your love for Your people. Father, we know that our lives in Christ start with humility, surrender, and submission. Please help us, Father, get our minds around these foundational truths as we walk with Christ. It is in His mighty name that we pray, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Isaiah 53

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