

# RISE UP



Isaiah 40: 12 – 31

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?

13 Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

14 Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

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 workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts for it silver chains.

20 As a gift one chooses mulberry wood —wood that will not rot— then seeks out a skilled artisan to set up an image that will not topple.

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? 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 grasshoppers; who  
stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and  
spreads them like a tent to live in;

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

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the  
tempest carries them off like stubble.

25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these? He who brings out their host  
and numbers them, calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength, mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

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

29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who  
wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they  
shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run  
and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.



Can I trust God to do  
what he says he will?



Why have you forgotten  
us completely?

Why have you forsaken  
us these many days?

Lamentations 5:20



God who is glorious,  
majestic, vast, capable of  
doing great things.



to whom will you compare  
me?

To an idol?



their worship of God was  
compromised and tainted  
as they also worship idols



Idolatry is not just about  
what we worship but is  
about in whom or in what  
are we trusting.



so we, who are many, are  
one body in Christ, and  
individually we are  
members one of another.

Romans 12:5



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