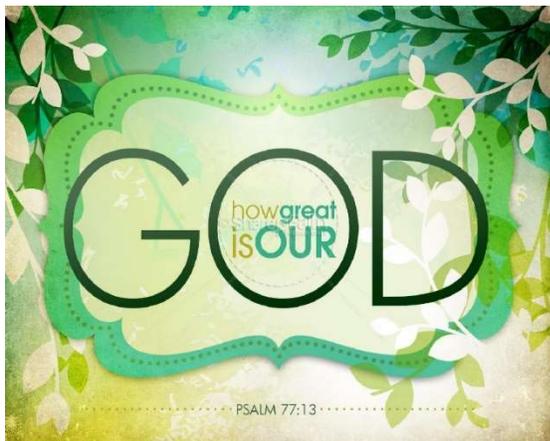


How GREAT Is Our God!

Isaiah 40:12-31



NOTE: This sermon (actually 2 sermons put together) is best viewed with Bible in hand so you see in the Text of Scripture where all this is coming from!

In 1952, an Anglican Minister, J. B. Phillips, wrote a book that's just as relevant today as it was 6+ decades ago: *YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL!* Book begins: "In our world, nation, & church, too many Christians carry in their minds a LIMITED view of God. Among professing Christians, this truncated [shrink-wrapped, freeze-dried] view of God leads to a WEAK FAITH which in turn leads to STUNTED SPIRITUAL GROWTH." Phillips' conclusion, "IF we would bring

back spiritual power into the life of the church / bring vitality back into our OWN lives, we *MUST begin to think of God as He REALLY is.*"

Today, I challenge you to ask: "How BIG is MY God?" / (or from the song) "How GREAT is OUR God?" Friends, I GUARANTEE you (speaking for myself / you, too), OUR view of God trends toward the → ANEMIC side. Which is WHY we NEED to open wide / take several tablespoons of this GERITOL Truth in *Isaiah 40* – Truth prescribed to infuse our iron poor perspective on the ONE Who is referred to in the Apostle's creed as "...God the Father Almighty..." Read with me *Isaiah 40*.

@ 12 midnight 2 weeks ago, we walked OUT of the BACK DOOR of 2017 / INTO the FRONT DOOR of 2018. Standing near the entrance of 2018, news headlines are warning us about the approach of an "inevitable" (news hype) WW III w/what is now a nuclear NK. Terrorists are using drones to launch chemical /biological attacks; There's violence in cities w/crumbling infrastructures /Then there's this infamous weather pattern w/freezing rains, floods, mudslides, & fires. We look around us, the DANGERS look pretty BIG.

In times like these, what DO we DO? This AM, let's turn FROM media headlines, TO BIBLICAL headlines / the PERSPECTIVE the BIBLE gives us to make us more PEACEFUL, strong, & courageous THIS YEAR. & what's INTERESTING about this prophecy is, we are told in the 1st Part of *Isaiah*: "Hey, listen, if you're one of GOD'S people, you've got difficult days ahead of you. In fact, the Prophet spends **39 CHAPTERS** of this prophecy warning God's people about tough times & a rough ride ahead. But THEN, In *Isaiah 40*, the prophet turns our focus from EARTH to HEAVEN, & prophet says to US in **Vs 9 . . .**

Did you catch that? Underline this in your Bible: **"BEHOLD YOUR GOD!"** Friends, the BASIC IDEA in *Isaiah 40* beginning w/**Vs 12: B/C THIS GOD is GREAT ENOUGH to capture our focus AND our hearts, we need to BEHOLD OUR GOD!** Friends, BEHOLD YOUR GOD!

One of the features of these **Vv** : These **Vv** are SO VISUAL! These **Vv** paint a PICTURE for us of a GOD Who is MUCH, MUCH, MUCH, MUCH greater than OUR scaled down version of God. [1989 family fantasy movie, "Honey I shrunk the kids . . ."] MANY of us could be casted for

a movie entitled, “Honey, I shrunk the DEITY,” b/c in our minds, we DO tend to shrink God down to a size MANY times smaller than God really is!

This week, let’s consider **5 images** that help us BEGIN to BEHOLD our GREAT GOD. & although the God of the Bible is an INVISIBLE God, these **images** help us “see” just HOW GREAT is OUR God.

1. Let’s BEHOLD God’s HAND.

What we SEE here is something about **the PALM of God’s hand AND the SPAN of God’s hand, Vs 12b . . .** So, HOW MUCH water can YOU hold in the hollow of YOUR hand? Hope you’re not hot & thirsty. You’ll be frustrated. Go home, turn on the tap & try it. Pretty pitifully small, isn’t it? What about GOD’S hand? The Prophet says, “THIS God can hold all the waters in the world in the palm / hollow of 1 hand! That’s 332,519,000 cubic MILES of water. IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND! How GREAT is our God! Friends, don’t you feel like singing [“ . . . He’s got the WHOLE WORLD in His hands . . . the whole wide world, the little bitty baby, you & me brother / sister, everybody here . . .”] We just might have to sing that song next week!

And friends, SINCE . . . it shouldn’t surprise us 1 bit in **Mark 4** when JESUS the God/man stands up in a violently rocking boat in the middle of a STORMY sea & just by holding up His hand & saying, “Peace, be still”, a sea raging like a wild animal becomes as still as if it had been shot w/a tranquilizing dart! From FOAMING & churning . . . to as smooth as glass. That’s what JESUS does when WE encounter those inevitable storms on life’s seas. In EVERY STORM, Jesus is in the boat W/us, Jesus IS *in control* of EVERY STORM we’re going dia, & sooner or later, Jesus WILL calm EVERY STORM in YOUR life. How GREAT is our God!

(the PALM . . .) now, **the SPAN of God’s hand, Vs 12b . . .** What’s the LONGEST measuring tape in your house? 25 feet? 100 feet? Whatever measuring tape you own, that tape CANNOT measure very far before the tape runs out. But THIS God measures the HEAVENS w/only the SPAN of His hand [the distance between the end of His thumb & His pinky finger]. [The DISTANCE to the nearest star past our Sun is 4.5 light years. IOW, if light were to leave that star right now, light would take 4.5 YEARS, travelling @ the speed of 186,000 miles PER SECOND, to reach the earth! That’s a 1-way trip of 26 MILLION miles. & that’s ONE star!]

& yet THIS GOD marks off the heavens (ALL the stars in ALL the galaxies in the WHOLE universe) – God can measure W/GREAT EASE the ENTIRE UNIVERSE w/only His hand-span! ONE hand! How GREAT is our God!

Friends, what a PRIVILEGE it is by GRACE alone dia FAITH alone in CHRIST alone to know & to love a God THIS BIG! Perhaps this AM you’re ANXIOUS b/c of an issue you’re dealing w/. Well, you NEED to pray in Jesus’ Name to THIS God who invites us **(1 Peter 5:7)** to cast ALL your anxiety on HIM, b/c GOD CARES FOR YOU. If you’re bearing your burdens by yourself, the problem is NOT w/God. The PROBLEM’S w/YOU. Take those burdens OFF your shoulders. Put your burdens ON God’s shoulders. Do it TODAY!

2. Let’s BEHOLD God’s KITCHEN.

In God’s KITCHEN, we see **a CUP / a pair of SCALES**, (rest of Vs 12 . . .) Somewhere in your kitchen cupboard, there’s CUPS for measuring out ingredients for recipes. The biggest cup you have might measure 2 or 3 cups. If we fill those cups to the top, our cups are still limited in the

amount of flour, or milk, or whatever, they can hold. Now, look @ GOD'S cup. GOD'S cup can hold ALL the SAND in the WORLD! Go around to ALL the beaches in the world... Eagle beach in Aruba, the 7 miles beach in the Grand Caymans, all the beaches on the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, & the Gulf of Mexico – ALL the beaches in the WHOLE WORLD, pour ALL the sand on ALL those beaches into GOD'S measuring cup, & there's still space. How GREAT is our God!

Friends, the Prophet wants us to think GRANDLY of God . . . B/C . . . this world *wants* to DISTORT God / LIMIT God / this world wants to IMPRISON God / make God AND Jesus a PRISONER of our own limited thinking. [Jeffersonian Bible? TJ went dia his Bible & w/a pair of scissors cut out all references to ANYTHING that revealed the GREATNESS of God or the MIRACLES of Jesus! Why? B/C TJ wanted to reduce the BIBLE down to a book of rules & stories w/a moral / make God into an impotent, paraplegic deity.] When it comes to our view of God, Let's not be a TJ! BIBLE says THIS God is great on a scale that CANNOT be measured by ANYTHING we can even IMAGINE!

& speaking of SCALES, In God's kitchen, take out God's SCALES. The scales in this **Vs** are BALANCE scales. The challenge: Put the ROCKIES on →one side of the scale, AND the Alps, AND the Himalayas, AND the Andies, & ALL the mountains ALL OVER the world. Now put God on ← the other side of the scale, & → the side of the scale bearing the weight of all the mountains will be light as a FEATHER compared to the ← sheer WEIGHT of the GLORY of GOD!

Now, how amazing IS it for us to KNOW: In the WORDS & DEEDS of JESUS, we SEE the WEIGHT of the GLORY of God! On the CROSS, we SEE God's FULL WEIGHT of God's GLORY manifested in His substitutionary death IN OUR PLACE – a death that brings MANY sons & daughters to GLORY!

Friends, how AWESOME is it to know that B/C of the work of Jesus, we will 1 day look into the GLORIOUS face of Jesus! & knowing how GLORIOUS our FUTURE will be, in THIS life, WHY in the WORLD do we get all bent out of shape about our temporary trials & troubles? Compared to our future GLORY, our trials, temptations, tribulations are just . . . a FEATHER on one side of God's scales. **2 Corinthians 4:17 . . .**

3. Let's BEHOLD God's TEACHER.

In **Vv 13-14**, there's a series of questions. Questions almost playful / almost deliberately ridiculous. WHO is God's teacher? Who wised God up? Where'd God go to College? Where DID God get his PhD? When it comes to matters of international importance, who ARE the members of Yahweh's cabinet? WHO'S His international security advisor? What FIRM has God hired as His primary consultants? Who BRIEFS Yahweh on the really tough decisions? low, IS God sharp enough? Or does God need someone to help Him, you know, "keep up" w/the latest about everything so God won't slip up & do something dumb?

Friends, OUR God has never LEARNED ANYthing, nor does THIS God take advice from ANYone. God's NEVER going to sit us down, "I'm not sure I'm thinking clearly about this issue; I just don't understand! Can you HELP me sort this out? What do YOU think?" NOT gonna happen! = an idol

The last phrase of **Vs 28** tells us WHY God doesn't NEED to go to school OR take advise from ANYONE ... low, God's understanding is SOOO DEEP, you can NEVER reach the bottom of God's understanding of EVERY-THING. God's understanding of EVERYTHING is INFINITELY BEYOND the depth of your/my understanding. Behold your God!

Friends, HOW does that grab you? I hope God's TOTAL, COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING of EVERYTHING ***humbles*** you! [Working as a DYM @ FPC H'burg, in answer to 1 of the youth's questions about a moral issue, I quoted a **Vs** from one of Paul's pastoral Epistles. "What does HE know?" Then I waited for lightning to strike! There before me was a very arrogant person w/limited, finite, knowledge distorted by sin passing JUDGMENT on the Words of Someone Who's knowledge is complete, comprehensive, & exhaustive!]

When God speaks to us in His Word, WISDOM is speaking. When JESUS speaks, it's the WISDOM OF GOD speaking! When GOD speaks, WE are ALWAYS the student sitting in the classroom; & the LORD is ALWAYS the Professor! ALWAYS!

4. Let's BEHOLD God's POLITICS.

Over this past year, we've seen lots happening on the international political scene w/Russia, w/ Iran & other Middle Eastern Nations, w/NK, & even in our own halls of the Congress & the Senate. Lot's of self-important people making self-important speeches. Each nation & it's national leaders flexing their muscles / puffing out their collective chests. One leader threatening to turn the other nation into a "sea of fire". The OTHER leader saying "My nuclear button is bigger than yours is, & mine works!" Turn on the news, & that's what WE see. Nations bragging, preening, threatening, being all big & bad.

Question is, when GOD looks @ ALL the nations on the face of this earth, what does GOD see? **Vs 15** . . . Why, it's as if God is carrying a bucket & a little drop spills out of the bucket. & God says, "Hey, look closely, and you'll see all 195 nations in the world in that tiny drop! See that dust on the scales, that dust I'm about to blow off the scales? Oh, there's Russia (Whuh!); & there's KN (whuh!); & that little speck of dust still on the surface of the scale? That's the USA (whuh!). How GREAT is our God!

Friends, we make a BIG mistake when we say God is only "religious" & not "political". Friends, God is OVER politics! Remember, the Babylonians OPPOSED Yahweh. & How did THAT work out for THEM? The Roman Government OPPOSED Jesus. & how did that work out for THEM? & yet, God's Kingdom is "on the move" in pretty much every nation on the face of this planet. @ the end of the day, ANY government /nation /public official who opposes Xny WILL be silenced! The LORD is the RULER of the NATIONS, & Jesus, God's anointed, will 1 day SMASH ALL His opposition the way you would smash a clay pot w/a hammer (**from Psalm 2**). So, DON'T fear the NATIONS! Fear GOD! RUN in repentance & faith & take shelter in the ONLY safe place there is: RUN into the arms of JESUS!

5. Let's BEHOLD God's SACRIFICE.

In **Vs 16**, the Prophet imagines the biggest sacrifice in the world . . . There's a pile of wood made up of *all* the valuable, famous cedars of Lebanon, some of the cedar trees 115 feet tall. On top of this mountain of wood ready to be sacrificed are ALL the animals to be found in this country of Lebanon. Everyone looking @ this altar says, "It's too much; it's too extravagant!" But Isaiah

looks at this altar & says, "It's too little". After all, every sin is against a God Who is GREATER than ANY sacrifice! NO sacrifice WE offer will EVER pay for our sin.

Only ONE sacrifice is sufficient. Our sin is SO great that only GOD could pay for our sin. And God DID just that. God provided FULL payment for our sins w/the sacrifice of JESUS. When Jesus hung on the cross in our place for our sins, Jesus said "It is FINISHED!" No more sacrifices needed. Jesus' death is sufficient to pay for ALL the sins of EVERY person on this planet who CONFESSES their sins & TRUSTS in the SACRIFICE of Jesus to pay the debt WE owe for our sins. How GREAT is our God!

Are you @ least BEGINNING to SEE how GREAT is our GOD? Are you BEGINNING to feel strength & courage return to your weary & anxious soul? I pray you are!

-- Part 2 --

Have you ever wondered WHY your problems, your issues, your struggles seem so BIG? In this room today, there's 2 groups of people: Those who HAVE struggles, issues, & problems; & those who are in DENIAL about their struggles, issues, & problems! Beloved, we ALL have PROBLEMS we have to deal w/. From *weather* problems to *work* problems to *health* problems to *relationship* "issues" (if you prefer), we ALL find ourselves living in a fallen world NOT friendly to our Faith, & facing problems b/c we live "East of Eden".

In fact, this WORLD we're walking dia is like a mine-infested field & IF we MIS-step even a tiny bit, we might end up becoming shrapnel-crippled casualties. The devil prowls around like a lion seeking to make YOU lunch. & . . . WE OURSELVES live as fallen people who (hymnwriter) are "*Prone to wander, Lord I feel it . . .*"

ACTUALLY, our problems ARE big. BUT, there IS a reality INFINITELY BIGGER than our PROBLEMS. We're talking about the REALITY of GOD. In *Isaiah 40*, dia His mouthpiece Isaiah, The LORD does NOT say, "Behold your PROBLEMS". Our PROBLEMS are NOT what DEFINE us.

Even in the midst of some really TOUGH times God's people are going dia in *Isaiah 1-39* (some of their problems self-inflicted problems, by the way), the focus here is NOT on the PROBLEMS God's people face, but on the GOD who is GREATER than ALL the problems of ALL the people ALL over the world who HAVE EVER lived or who EVER WILL live. Beloved: **REGARDLESS of the problems / issues you're struggling w/right now, BEHOLD YOUR GOD!** Again, we encounter **5 more images** to help us SEE **How GREAT is our GOD!**

6. Behold God's CALCULATOR.

Nations love to compare their GDP (Gross Domestic Product) to the GDP of OTHER nations to show how *successful* they are. GDP is a MONETARY MEASURE of the market value of ALL goods & services produced every year by any given country. The 3 world leaders in GDP are: The USA, China, Japan, & Germany. Sometimes, we read/hear about NET WORTH of some big business leader or celebrity. [The net worth of Apple's Tim Cook is about \$665M. Tom Hanks' Net Worth is \$350M. LeBron James \$400M. Tom Brady \$180M. Paul McCartney? JUST a pretty good musician whose net worth is ONLY 1.2 BILLION \$\$!]

Now, look @ **Vs 17** . . . Kata GOD's accounting system, IF you add together ALL the GDP'S of ALL the nations in the world AND add to that # ALL the net worth of ALL the celebrities in the world COMBINED, while most of OUR calculators would run out of digits, on GOD's calculator, all that \$\$ adds up to 1 big fat ZERO. In fact, LESS than zero. What does GOD see when He looks @ ALL the spreadsheets of EVERYTHING in the world? God sees EMPTINESS . . . = what's left AFTER you POP a soap bubble!

SO, it should NOT surprise us when JESUS says (**Matthew 16:26**) "**For what will it PROFIT a man if he GAINS the whole world and yet FORFIETS his SOUL? Or what will a man give in EXCHANGE FOR his soul?**" Friends, we are EMBODIED SOULS; AND... our SOULS are worth more than ANYTHING \$\$ can buy. So WHY are we so PRONE to focus on the FINANCIAL bottom line even to the point where the "Judas" inside of us will sell out our very souls for far LESS than 30 pieces of silver?

Beloved, GOD IS our GREATEST treasure! NOTHING ELSE even registers on eternity's spread sheet! If you want to be RICH in something w/REAL substance, then you need to make sure by *GRACE alone* dia *FAITH alone* in *CHRIST alone* that you are in GOD'S family / looking forward one day to receiving your FULL INHERITANCE from your HEAVENLY Father! **How GREAT is our GOD!**

7. Behold God's MIRROR.

Vs 18 . . . Soon, Isaiah's fellow countrymen are going to be surrounded by Babylonian gods, & the Babylonians will strike up the chorus "My god's bigger than YOUR God!" But God says, "Don't even BEGIN to compare other gods with ME!"

Notice here the FOOLISHNESS of Idolatry, **Vs 19-20**. The picture here is pathetic. Someone builds w/their OWN HANDS a "little g" physical god statue from MATERIALS they find *on this earth* / this statue cannot even MOVE to help ANYONE, & yet people WORSHIP something THEY MADE!

[It's like the wicked queen on Snow white saying "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, WHO'S the fairest of them all?" & the magic mirror would say, "YOU are, Queenie Baby! You're the bee's knees! The cat's meow! Da BOMB.com! Why, there's NO one who EVEN comes close!"] The magic mirror is LYING.

And so is ANYTHING or ANYONE who claims to be GOD! An IDOL is a magic mirror you look into that tells you there's SOMETHING more ULTIMATE than GOD! [Keller defines Idolatry as ". . . making a GOOD thing into an ULTIMATE thing . . ."] SECURITY is a GOOD thing. But security is NOT an ULTIMATE thing b/c the only SECURITY we will EVER have comes from GOD, dia JESUS who tells you (**John 6:28**) "When you're in the GRIP of GRACE, NO ONE can snatch you out of My Father's Hand!"

SIGNIFICANCE is a good thing. BUT . . . the ONLY significance you will EVER have comes FROM GOD ALONE, Who dia the work of JESUS gives you GLORIOUS titles like SONS & DAUGHTERS of GOD, ROYAL PRIESTS & God's SPECIAL TREASURE. Same thing

w/SATISFACTION. The THEME SONG of an idolater IS "I Can't Get No Satisfaction". Friends, you have a better chance dining on steak & lobster @ McDonald's than you have finding Security, significance, satisfaction from ANY source other than THIS GOD! **How GREAT is our God!**

8. Behold God's THRONE.

A THRONE is a very LARGE seat on which a King or Queen sits. [On "The Crown," England's Queen Elizabeth sits on a royal **throne** in Buckingham Palace.] The throne is IMPRESSIVE, to be sure. In history, MANY Kings & Queens have sat on large, impressive-looking thrones. But there's NO THRONE like GOD'S Throne! It's far grander than the most impressive royal throne, **Vs 21...** God sits on the entire horizon, **Vs 22 . . .** Go to the shore / to the desert & look as Far East as you can, then look as far West as you can. You've only seen a small part of God's Throne. **How GREAT is our GOD!**

Right now, Jesus is sitting @ the Right Hand of God's Throne in a position of ABSOLUTE POWER! Jesus IS the RULER of the NATIONS! & looking OUT from His Throne, WHAT does the Lord SEE?

22b . . . The world's Presidents, Prime Ministers, Kings, Queens, & Dictators look so big and powerful to us. So do the business tycoons and media moguls. But God looks down on them all and says, "Oh, there's little grasshopper Trump, and there's little grasshopper Putin. Over there w/the glasses & the bad haircut is grasshopper Kim Jong Un. & see that grasshopper Weinstein that just fell off his perch? Look on the internet. Articles about those grasshoppers Zuckerberg and Gates! God says about them all, "NO big deal. Just grasshoppers. Live fish bait".

There's another analogy used here in these **Vv 23-24 . . .** Rootless Tumbleweeds blowing in the wind. Empty NOTHINGS. We get all excited about the ROYALS in England & the Celebrities here in American & World leaders are SUCH a big deal to US. To GOD, all these people are FOOTNOTES in His history book! But **How GREAT is our GOD!**

Hey, you want to get EXCITED about something REALLY worth getting EXCITED about? Well, then, GET EXCITED ABOUT GOD! / God's GRACE / God's SON / God's WORD / God's PEOPLE / God's CHURCH!

9. Behold God's SKY.

Isaiah lifts our eyes from earth / to the heavens & says, "Behold how your God relates to the planets, stars, and galaxies, **Vs 26 . . .**" God created every planet, star, & galaxy. God names them all (He relates to every planet, star, & galaxy on a first-name basis) / God supports them all. And DO you know how many planets, stars, & galaxies there are? Latest estimates have the universe containing 10 trillion galaxies each one containing 100 billion stars. **How GREAT is our GOD!**

So WHY do we sometimes find ourselves right in the middle of **Vs 27?**... WHY do we think THIS God is NOT concerned w/our problems & issues? WHY do we think God doesn't NOTICE us? You KNOW the answer. TRUTH is, the picture we tend to carry around in the "Photos" section of the Iphone of our imaginations is NOT a photograph of the same God we see here in **Isaiah 40!** Friends, if THIS GOD's understanding has NO LIMITS @ ALL, then you KNOW . . . THIS God NOTICES you. THIS God knows EXACTLY what we're dealing with / this God COMPLETELY understands what we're going DIA. & THIS GOD even brought HEAVEN to EARTH in the person of JESUS . . . FOR HIS PEOPLE! **How GREAT is THIS God!**

10. Behold God's RESTORING GRACE.

Vs 29 . . . the Key Word: ". . . **GIVES** . . ." Beloved, that's GRACE. GRACE is God GIVING you what you have NO ABILITY to GIVE yourself! ULTIMATELY, GRACE is taking you to a PLACE where, **Vv 29-31** . . .

Here's a question: WHEN will these **Vv** come true for you & for me? low, is this a promise for "your best life NOW"? Or your best life LATER? Fact is, if you're in a "Grace Place," if you're "**in Christ**," AND you're willing to WAIT, you've got something AMAZING to look FORWARD to.

One day, you are going to be a permanently & perfectly HAPPY PERSON living FOREVER in a PLACE so GLORIOUS that EVERYTHING making your life difficult right now will be GONE, like a FORGOTTEN nightmare, gone like MELTING ICE before the blowtorch SPLENDOR of what you will experience when you arrive @ the final stop in your life's itinerary @ a place **Revelation 21** calls the "**New Heavens & the New Earth.**"

Friends, IF you are "**in Christ**," IN THE FUTURE, you ARE going to a place where you will enjoy uninhibited, unfettered, unbounded, unlimited, unbridled HAPPINESS, HEALING, & RESTORATION, **Vs 31** . . . We ARE waiting FOR that TIME / that PLACE. [Think about your top 10 experiences on this earth, your favorite "I hope this moment never ends" times of delight & pleasure. Friends, compared to the happiness Our Great God has in store for you, those PEAK TIMES in your life will seem like a root canal w/o Novocain!]

Listen. Just read **Revelation 21** / marinate yourself in **Revelation 21**. In your life, sorrow, sickness, sadness, surgery, & suffering WILL be replaced by HAPPINESS! You'll be SPIRITUALLY happy / EMOTIONALLY happy / PHYSICALLY happy / SOCIALLY happy / ENVIRONMENTALLY happy. You're GOING to be PERFECTLY happy! AND . . . you're going to be PERMANENTLY happy!

Yes. I know. Right now, you've got problems. You've got issues. But WHERE'S your FOCUS! [. . . Standing before a pile of Gold Coins 40 feet high. You're excited, right? No. You're not. WHY? It's because you're holding a DOLLAR right in front of your eyes, & you're focusing on the PENNY & NOT the pile of Gold. Friends, the DOLLAR is *your problems, your issues*. The PILE OF GOLD is the God of **Isaiah 40**, the God of the BIBLE, the GOD who is always WITH us / always FOR us / the God who is ALWAYS GREAT / ALWAYS GOOD /

ALWAYS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.] You tell me. Are you going to focus on the DOLLAR? OR . . . ARE you going to focus on the PILE OF GOLD?!? How GREAT is our GOD!