

ISAIAH 40
Behold Your God!
Comfort Spoken
Isaiah 40:1-2

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, You are Creator, altogether Other, transcendent. You are unchanging. You are independent. You are Eternal. You are everywhere present. You are our One True God, the Holy One. You are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth and you are our God. We confess our faithlessness this morning, Lord. Our hearts are quick to wrongly assume that if you are so transcendent then you must not care about us. We also wrongly assume that if you are imminent and close then you must be somehow like us. Lord, we are constantly living our lives out of our misunderstandings of who you are and what you want from us. And we are often quite sure that our our imagined understanding of who you are is the deity that we most need. We are so foolish in our attempts to create you in our image. These false assumptions of who you are shows themselves by the absence of comfort and the frequent presence of despair, fear, anxiety and frustration in our lives. Lord, by the power of your Spirit and through the truth of Your enduring Word grant us comfort this morning. Not superficial comfort which depends on the empty hopes and ambitions from this world. But a sure, worthy, sustaining comfort which is firmly fixed in the cross work of Christ, our Savior, Lord, and great means of eternal comfort. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Promised Comfort (v. 1)
2. Tender Speech (v. 2a)
3. Adequate Pardon (v. 2b)

Central Textual Truth

Isaiah calls Israel to trust the comfort from their God.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to rest in the comfort from trusting in Christ.