

A Voice of Comfort (Isaiah 40:1-11)

Introduction: *Where's a voice of comfort when you need one?*

- I. A VOICE CRIES OUT: *Here comes God's bulldozers!*
 - A. Every mountain & valley will be leveled (vv.3-5)
 - B. John the Baptist said much the same thing: *repent!*
 - C. Prophets *warned* about Jesus' coming (Malachi 3:2)
 - D. Those standing in sin will be bulldozed
 - E. Where's the comfort in *that*?

- II. A VOICE CRIES OUT: *We have our own reasons to cry*
 - A. We are all like dying grass & fading flowers
 - B. Where's the comfort in *that*? (vv.6-8)
 - C. But we know it's accurate, don't we?
 - D. When we see ourselves as dying & fading, there *is* comfort in the voice of Isaiah & John

- III. GOD'S STRONG, CLEAR VOICE: *A true comfort!*
 - A. The Word of our God stands forever (v.8)
 - B. His Word is eternal, strong, & trustworthy
 - C. How does *that* sound!?
 - D. When we see our need, His voice *is* comfort! (vv.9-11 & 1-2)
 - E. The Eternal Word of God *has* come in Jesus (Jn.1:14)
 - F. Jesus preserves fading flowers & grass to keep them forever
 - G. *His* is a voice of comfort!

Conclusion: We sing verses 1 & 2 of **Comfort, Comfort
Ye My People** [#347]