

Where Is Comfort When You Need It?

Isaiah 40:1-11

INTRODUCTION: *Pastor – can you be the voice of comfort?*

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 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 (John 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 (LSB 347)

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