

“CHRISTMAS WITH ISAIAH” Series

Message #4 of 6

“A VOICE”

The Lord is personally and powerfully at work to tenderly speak his glorious and forever words of relief from sin and good news instead of fear.

Isaiah 40:1-11 / December 16, 2018

1. THE VERDICT OF THE LORD – COMFORT (v.1-2)

- “Comfort, comfort”
- “Speak tenderly”
- “Her sin is paid for”
- “She has received double”

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all *comfort*, who *comforts* us in all our troubles, so that we can *comfort* those in any trouble with the *comfort* we ourselves have received from God.” - 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4

2. THE REVELATION OF THE LORD – GLORY (v.3-5)

- “Prepare the way”
- “Make a straight path in the wilderness”
- “All humankind will see it”

John the Baptizer - “In the words of Isaiah the prophet, I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” - John 1:23

3. THE WORD OF THE LORD – FOREVER (v.6-8)

- “All people are like grass - they wither and fall”
- “The breath of the Lord blows on them”
- “The word of the Lord stands forever”

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” - Mark 13:31

4. THE TIDINGS OF THE LORD – GOOD (v.9)

- “Lift up your voice”
- “Don’t be afraid”
- “Say, ‘here is your God’”

“I bring you good news of great joy.” - Luke 2:10

5. THE POWER OF THE LORD – COMES (v.10)

- “His arm rules for him”
- “His reward is with him.”
- “His recompense accompanies him”

Recompense - “Make amends to someone for loss or harm suffered.”

6. THE CARE OF THE LORD – LOVINGLY (v.11)

- “Tends like a Shepherd”
- “Gathers in his arms”
- “Carries them close to his heart”
- “Gently leads those that have young”