



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

**Coming Soon: The God of His Word!
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Isaiah 40:1-11

But Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." ⁹You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young

1. Think of people that you know whom you might describe as a "woman or man of their word." Explain why you find this admirable about the person you have in mind. Does the quality come with any pitfalls?
2. Read Isaiah 39 and compare it to Isaiah 40:1-11. What sharp contrast do you notice? Why would God have Isaiah say these things years

before they took place (the events of Isaiah 39 = 100 years after Isaiah/ the events of Isaiah 40 = 170 years after Isaiah)?

3. How does God use the imagery of verses 3-4 to indicate the problems found in the human heart?
4. How are we sinners and our faithfulness like grass and flowers? In the same word picture, what is the "breath of the Lord"?
5. Agree or disagree and why? Only God's Word works repentance?
6. Agree or disagree and why? The fact that "...the word of our God endures forever" is a great comfort.
7. When will the events of verse 10 take place? What is the Lord's reward and recompense?
8. How do the words of verse 9 relate to 2 Peter 3:9? Agree or disagree and why? We have a role in speeding up the Lord's return.
9. What is so significant about the fact that our Good Shepherd "gathers the lambs in his arms...and gently leads those that have young"?