

## THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

### Realize That God Loves You.

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*  
(John 3:16).

### The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God.”* (Romans 3:23).

### God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

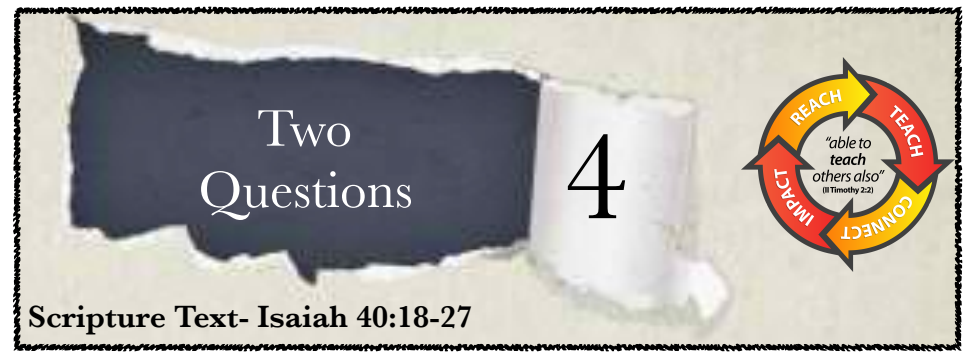
*“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* (Romans 6:23).

### The Good News Is That Christ Paid for Our Sins.

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8).

### We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ by Faith as Our Personal Saviour.

The Bible Says, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13).



## Memory Verse- I Timothy 2:5

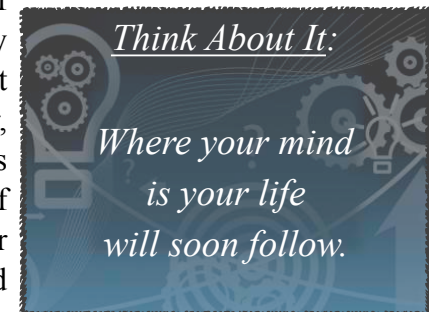
*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”*

Isaiah is calling for us to cast our eyes upon God and take notice of who He is. The previous lesson revealed God as the Great Creator and the Great Counsellor. Isaiah revealed God as such using many declarative questions in verses 12-14. These are questions that make a statement because the answer is implied.

Isaiah chapter forty is full of theology. The term “theology” may sound boring and dusty to some but theology is anything but. Remember, theology is the study of God. There is nothing boring about the study of God. Isaiah continuously calls our attention to creation and the glory and power of God revealed in creation.

As we talk about theology, how is your knowledge of God? Are you on a hot pursuit into more knowledge of who He is? Are you hungering to know God closer? Read Hebrews 5:12-14. Which would you classify yourself as, one who needs milk or can use meat? Isaiah’s purpose it that you will *“behold your God”* and in turn desire to know Him better. Read Isaiah 40:18-27. We now deal with two questions asked by Isaiah and God.

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### **Isaiah’s Questions (18-24)**

Isaiah declares the greatness and power of God in verses 10-17. With these thoughts of God, Isaiah poses the questions, *“To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto him.”* Once again Isaiah is using declarative questions. There is no one or nothing that is like God.

Isaiah shows us man’s attempt to compare God in verses 19-20. Some make figures of God out of precious metals or wood. We are too sophisticated to do such a thing in America. Instead, we carve an idol in our mind. Our idol is what we think God should be like or what we want God to be like. There is no difference between an idol of the mind or a figure.

*Think About It:*

*There is nothing  
that we can  
compare God to.*

What if I asked you to draw a picture of God. Where would you begin and what would you draw? You cannot draw an image of God. Read Exodus 20:1-6. God forbids us to make any type of picture, image, or statue to represent Him.

God is unique and one of a kind. I Timothy 2:5 says, *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”* There is nothing we can see with our eyes that can replicate God. John 4:24 says, *“God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* Isaiah gives comparative examples to his questions in verses 22-24. Man is like little grasshoppers all over the earth. All the vastness of space is like a simple curtain pull to God. Think of all the rulers with their power and authority. These are nothing compared to Him. God has control over all of creation even kings and rulers.

### **God’s Questions (25-27)**

The questions now shift from Isaiah to God. God is now speaking directly and asks, *“To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.”* Read Deuteronomy 4:12-19. God places a strong emphasis on the fact there is nothing in all the world like Him. He warns sternly about trying to make any type of a replica of Himself.

God calls our attention to creation in verse 26. It seems much of this chapter calls our attention to creation in learning more about God. Why use creation? Creation is a 24/7 revelation and reminder of God. Read Psalm 19:1-4 and Romans 1:20. Creation declares the glory of God. Creation is a revelation of the power and reality of God that no one can escape. Creation speaks to everyone of all languages.

God calls all of creation by name. Read Psalm 147:4-5. God sees and judges all. Verse 27 declares that no one can hide anything from God or escape His judgment. Read Psalm 139:1-18. God knows all about you. He knew you before you were born.

Who is God like? No one! Take time to observe Him through His creation and His Word. This great all-powerful God desires to have fellowship with you. He desires to know you and talk with you. He desires worship and devotion from you. He desires that you glorify Him with your life. Do you know Him through Jesus Christ? Take a few moments to write down who God is to you. Write down how God has revealed Himself to you.

Are you currently pursuing a knowledge of God?  
Are you growing in your knowledge of Him?

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