

Sermon Notes:

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Sermon Title: Comfort My People

Advent: Peace

Verses:

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak 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. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A 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. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." You 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!" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He 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."

Isaiah 40:1-11 NIV

<https://bible.com/bible/111/isa.40.1-11.NIV>

Notes:

Do You Hear What I Hear?

- 🌸 "A voice of one calling" v.3
- 🌸 "A voice says, 'Cry out.'" v.6
- 🌸 "For the mouth of the Lord has spoken" v.5
- 🌸 The voice of God...the way back home

Do You Feel What I Feel?


- 🌸 "Comfort, comfort my people... Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." v.1-2
- 🌸 God punishes sin...Yes
- 🌸 God comforts His children...Yes
- 🌸 "The word of our God endures forever" v.8

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See God Like He Is

- ✿ Punishes sin
- ✿ God **never** takes delight in punishing sin
- ✿ Like a shepherd...gathering, carrying, leading his sheep



Key Points

- ✿ **Do you hear what I hear? God's voice!**
- ✿ **Do you feel what I feel? God's comfort!**
- ✿ **Do you see what I see? God's tender care!**

