
An aerial photograph of a river winding through a valley. The river is a vibrant turquoise color, contrasting with the green and brown of the surrounding landscape. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, curving around a central mountain range. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is a natural, scenic view of a river valley.

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**6. God is  
sovereign; we  
are secure**

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# Overwhelmed by events is panic & fear our only option?

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# Your God ...

Isaiah 40:9

You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem, [c]  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

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# Your God ... is Lord of human rulers

Isaiah 40:6-8

‘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 for ever.’

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# Your God ... is Lord of creation

Isaiah 40:12

Who has measured the waters in the hollow  
of his hand,

or with the breadth of his hand marked  
off the heavens?

Who has held the dust of the earth in a  
basket,

or weighed the mountains on the scales  
and the hills in a balance?

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# Your God ... is Lord of history

Isaiah 40:13-14

Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord,  
or instruct the Lord as his counsellor?  
Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him,  
and who taught him the right way?  
Who was it that taught him knowledge,  
or showed him the path of understanding?

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# Your God ... is Lord of the nations

Isaiah 40:15

Surely the nations are like a drop in a  
bucket;

they are regarded as dust on the scales;  
he weighs the islands as though they were  
fine dust.

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# Your God ... is Lord of all religions

Isaiah 40:16

Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,  
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.

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# Your God ... is Lord of all competitors

Isaiah 40:18-20

With whom, then, will you compare God?

To what image will you liken him?

As for an idol, a metalworker casts it,  
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold  
and fashions silver chains for it.

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# Your God ... is Lord of the universe

Isaiah 40:22

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,  
and its people are like grasshoppers.  
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,  
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

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**Your God ...**  
is Lord of the astral powers

**Isaiah 40:26**

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one,  
and calls them each by name.  
Because of his great power and mighty strength,  
not one of them is missing.

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**Your God ...**  
is beyond compare

**Isaiah 40:25**

To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

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# Your true identity is to live without fear

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation –  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life –  
of whom shall I be afraid?

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**I will not fear ...**

**(i) because God holds me tight**

**Psalm 139:8-10**

**Where can I go from your Spirit?**

**Where can I flee from your presence?**

**... If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.**

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**Romans 8:37-38**

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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**I will not fear ...**

**(ii) because God is the ultimate script writer**

**Revelation 22:13**

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.**

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**Hebrews 12:1-2**

**And let us run with perseverance the race  
marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

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**Matthew 14:30**

**But when he saw the wind, he was afraid  
and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord,  
save me!'**

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