

Who is Like our God?

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I. Introduction. Text: Isaiah 40-42.

II. The good news is that God has given us reconciliation.

III. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Lord as prophesied by this text.

A. John's ministry would not only be one of reconciliation, but one of reconstruction.

B. God straightens out the wicked way—the evil places of a person's life are changed through the work of God.

C. The ministry is one of reassurance.

IV. A word of witness always follows reconciliation. Jesus did not send us out to witness but to be a witness.

V. There is no other God that can be trusted.

A. No one can do what God does.

B. No one is as wise as God is.

C. God neglects no one—we must wait and let God work.

D. Even though Israel is in rebellion, God promises to deliver them just as He promises to deliver believers.

E. We have all sorts of idols today shown by our fear.

VI. The servant of God who will redeem the people is Jesus.

A. Jesus went about in an unassuming manner, patient and gentle—a bruised reed He would not break.

B. He will faithfully bring forth justice.

C. He will be persistent and ultimately successful.

VII. God promises that He will be with His people and gather them all together. (Matthew 24)

VIII. God's purpose for calling people to Himself is that they might know Him.

Application questions:

1. What do you think it looks like to be a witness?

2. How can the characteristics of God spoken about be an encouragement in time of struggle?

3. How would you characterize Jesus' work among people? How can you grow to be more like Jesus in this way?
