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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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How Big Is Your God?

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The little boy brags to his friend, “My dad is bigger than your dad.” But how does he mean it? He may raise his hands skyward when describing his dad, indicating his dad is very tall. Or, he may extend his hands away from his sides, indicating his dad is very wide. “Bigger” is not only a comparative term, but it is also relative.

Isaiah helps us see the “bigness” of God for a purpose. When we construct our idols, which compete with God for the whole heart, we need to see how God and our idols measure up. “To whom then will we liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?” Oh, how precious is our idol! Our “god” is ornamented with only the best: we “overlayeth it with gold and casteth for it silver chains (Isaiah 40:19). Others, less well off, may “choose a tree that will not rot” and have a “graven image that shall not be moved” (Isaiah 40:20). Isaiah then directs our eyes upward to see the One “who sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are a grasshoppers...” (Isaiah 40:22). How do the most ornate and secure gods of “grasshoppers” fair before the one true God? “Yea they have not been planted; yea they have not been sown; yea

their stock hath not taken root in the earth; moreover He bloweth upon them; and they wither and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble” (Isaiah 40:24). When we fathom how “big” the Creator of the earth is, do not the “gods” we serve and depend upon appear small and weak?

How big is God? He “hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and meted out heaven with a span...” (Isaiah 40:12). If we gave each one of the members of Parkview a gallon bucket, and we all went to the Gulf of Mexico to measure the amount of water in the Gulf; do you think we could accomplish the task? As you shake your head indicating “no way,” look up. Our God is so big He measures the waters of not only the Gulf of Mexico, but also the Great Lakes, Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Mediterranean Sea and all the waters of the earth *in the hollow of His hand*. And with the span-width of this same hand, He measures out the space of the heavens.

How big is God? To Him, “the nations are as a drop of a bucket and accounted as the small dust of the balance...” (Isaiah 40:15). God is so big that the great nations of Babylon and

Rome in ancient times, and the populous nations of America, Russia, China and India today are only a drop in a bucket and the nations can be put all together on the balance and be no more than a speck of dust before God.

How big is God? Understand that God “bringeth out the host by number; He calleth them by name...” (Isaiah 40:26). Astronomers can only say “billions and billions” when trying to number the stars. This is not because they have a definite number in mind, but that the stars are so many we cannot really count them. God can “number” them, and “calls them by name.”

Knowing how big God is, we should not only see the foolishness of replacing Him with our puny idols, but we should be drawn to Him by the thought of His “bigness.” God neither faints nor grows weary (Isaiah 40:28). He is big enough to meet your needs, even “*exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think*” (Ephesians 3:20.” Therefore, “*wait on Him.*” Renewed, you will “*mount up with wings of eagles*”. You will be able to “*run and not be weary,*” and “*walk and not faint*” (Isaiah 40:31).