

GLAD TIDINGS

“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 day is bigger than your dad.*” But how does he mean it? He may look 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 is relative as well.

Isaiah helps us see the “bigness” God for a purpose. When we construct our idols which compete with God for the whole heart, we need to see how God and that idol measure up. “*To whom then will ye 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 “*orverlayeth it with gold and casteth for it silver chains*” (Isa. 40:19). Others, less well off, may “*choose a tree that will not rot*” and have a “*graven image that shall not be moved*” (Isa. 40:20). Isaiah directs our eyes upward to see the One “*who sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers...*” (Isa. 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 whither and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble*” (Isa. 40: 24). When we fathom how “big” the Creator of the earth is, do not the gods we depend upon look pretty small?

How big is God? He “*hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span...*” (Isa. 40:12). If we gave each one of the members of this church 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 and come up with an measurement? 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...” (Isa. 40: 15). God is so big that the great nations of Babylon and Rome of ancient times, and the populous nations of America, Russia, China and India of today are only a drop in a bucket, and can be put all together on the balance and affect the measurement no more than a speck of dust.

How big is God? Understand that God “*bringeth out the host by number; He calleth them by name...*” (Isa. 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 be drawn to Him by the thought of his “bigness”. God does not *faint* nor grow *weary* (Isa.40:28). Therefore “*wait on Him*”. Those, who do so, will “*mount up with wings of eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint*” (Isa. 40:30).