EVENING WORSHIP 18 November 2012

Text: Isaiah 40

Title: "Behold, your God"

(I) GREAT MESSAGES TO BE PROCLAIMED

- 1. A message of comfort (Isaiah 40:1-2)
- 2. A message of the glory of God to be revealed (Isaiah 40:5)
 - a) A messenger will be sent
 - b) He will prepare the way of the Lord (**Isaiah 40:3-4**)
- 3. The word of God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8)
- 4. "Behold, your God" (Isaiah 40:9f)

(II) A GLORIOUS DESCRIPTION OF THE LORD WITH REFERENCE TO HIS MESSIAH

- 1. He will come with a strong hand (Isaiah 40:10a)
- 2. He will come as a ruler (Isaiah 40:10b)
- 3. He will come with rewards (Isaiah 40:10c)
- 4. He will come and feed His flock like a shepherd (Isaiah 40:11)
 - a) He will gather the lambs
 - b) He will carry them in His bosom
 - c) He will gently lead those who are with young

(III) A GLORIOUS DESCRIPTION OF THE LORD GOD HIMSELF

- 1. God as Creator (Isaiah 40:12, 25-26)
- 2. God in His omniscience (Isaiah 40:13-14)
- 3. God in His might (compared to the nations) (Isaiah 40:15-17)
- 4. God compared to idols (Isaiah 40:18-20)

(IV) AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To reject foolish and erroneous thoughts (Isaiah 40:27)

- 2. To deepen knowledge of God (Isaiah 40:28-30)
- 3. To determine to wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:31)
- 4. To find renewal of strength