

Text: **Isaiah 41**

Title: **“BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD”**

**(I) THE PROBLEM OF DISMAY**

**“Fear not,...be not dismayed...” Isaiah 41:10**

**1. Struggling with the fear of enemies**

- a) Fear and dismay go together (**2 Chronicles 32:7**)
- b) Fearing the words of the Rabshakeh (**Isaiah 37:5**)
- c) The Lord had to tell Israel three times not to fear.

**2. Struggling with health (Isaiah 38:1-2)**

- a) Sickness
- b) Death

**3. Struggling with weakness (Isaiah 38:14)**

**(II) DEALING WITH DISMAY THROUGH A GREATER ASSURANCE OF GOD AS OUR GOD**

*“Be not dismayed for I am your God” Isaiah 41:10*

**1. The Lord’s performing His words (Isaiah 41:4)**

**2. The Lord’s great promises to His people (Isaiah 41:10)**

- a) The promise of His great presence
- b) The promise of His great strength
- c) The promise of His great help
- d) The promise of His great upholding

**3. The Lord’s power contrasted against the powerlessness of the Idols (Isaiah 41:17-24)**

- a) Idols
  - i) Idols unable to show what is to come

ii) Idol's works are nothing

b) God

i) The Lord hearing the prayers of the poor and needy (**Psalm 113:5-7**)

ii) The hand of the Lord has done this

### **(III) RESPONSES TO GOD AS OUR GOD**

**1. Greater Appreciation of God as our God (Isaiah 41:20)**

**2. Greater Trust in the Lord and His promises**

**3. Greater Joy in the Lord (Isaiah 41:16)**

**4. Greater commitment to glory only in the Lord (Isaiah 41:16)**