

God Is Bigger than Your Troubles

It is no surprise to look around and realize that we live in an uncertain, insecure world. But it is important to remember that God is bigger than our anxieties and troubles.

Inspirational writer Raymond McHenry notes that in times of uncertainty, it is good to know these simple facts from the 40th chapter of Isaiah:

- The oceans of the world contain more than 340 quintillion gallons of water, yet God holds them “in the hollow of his hand” (Isaiah 40:12 NIV).
- The earth weighs 6 sextillion metric tons, yet God says it is but “dust on the scales” (Isaiah 40:15 NIV).
- The known universe stretches more than 30 billion light years (200 sextillion miles), but God measures it by the width of his hand (Isaiah 40:12 NIV).
- Scientists claim there are at least 100 billion galaxies and each galaxy is made up of about 100 billion stars. To such mind-boggling math, Isaiah reminds us that God calls each star “by name” (Isaiah 40: 26 NIV).

Comforting? Well, it should be.

If God can hold the waters of the ocean in the hollow of His hand, consider the weight of the Earth as but dust, measure the width of the universe with the span of His hand and call each star by name, surely He can handle the details and dramas of our lives.

The incredible reality to consider is this: The Lord – creator of this vast universe, the world and all that is in it, including humankind, and the giver of all good things – wants to have an intimate relationship with each of us.

He not only gives us the privilege of approaching His throne of love, grace and mercy, but He encourages it. He desires that we bring to Him our petitions and our praise.

What an awesome God He is!

Whatever may be going on around us in this world or in our personal lives, we can take stock in the fact that our Lord is in charge.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter