

GOD IS THE CREATOR

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In **Isaiah Chapter 40** Isaiah begins to tell Israel about one of their worst problems. They had forgotten that God was the Creator of the heaven and the earth and all that is therein. You get in real trouble when you forget who the Creator is. When you think that you can create your way, you have a real problem. When you think that you can create things to fit what you want them to fit, you're in real trouble, because the creator has to become responsible for his creation. Whatever we create we're responsible for.

I decided a long time ago that I did not want to be a creator. I just wanted to be saved and whatever that meant. I just wanted to find that place in Christ where I could be used of God, not looking around, not going all over the place trying to find it, and by that revelation of truth I could begin to be used of God. I had no great aspirations of being anything. I was just happy in whatever I was doing. You know, happiness is not determined by a position in life. Happiness is the attitude of the heart.

I realized that God is the Creator, and that He's creating within me a mighty work. He's creating within you a mighty work, but there are times when we want to be the creator. There are many times when we don't like the way it's being put together so we try to change it. If you are a carpenter and the boss says, "I want a 2 x 4 here" and there is one right next to it, you don't talk to the boss and continue to say, "Why do you want another 2 x 4?" He says, "Just nail her in there; put it up there because that's where I want it."

We argue with God about the way He's creating what we are doing. We are no different than the Israelites, are we? "But if I was God..." Have you ever said that? "If I was God..." Can you imagine what this thing would be, what a shape it would be in, if you were God? You would change your mind every day. You would invite some in and then throw them out. You would change the rules every six months. Things would be chaotic. But God never changes. He that created is still the one that rules it all; He's in charge and He doesn't change.

Let's begin in **Isaiah 40:28**.

Is. 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding.

Isaiah is talking to Israel. We have a way of relating God to how we feel, don't we, but here the prophet is used of God to bring a message to them. He said, (#1) He's an everlasting God (#2) the Creator of the ends of the earth, He fainteth not, neither is weary.

Is. 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

I want you to underline that! The Christian doesn't have to go anywhere but to Christ for power, if we have learned to have a dialogue with God; if we have learned how to converse with God; if we have learned to come and reason together with Him; if we have learned to be able to set down with Him and tell Him the truth.

You know, in the day we live in many religious groups say it's a sin if you are ever sick; and if you ever confess it you can't get healed because you do not have faith. Something is wrong here. God is saying, "Listen, I want to tell you who I am: if you need strength, if you need faith, if you need a touch of My

power, I can give it to you."

Let's quit playing games, looking around trying to find strength in somebody else; trying to find it in another individual; trying to find it in a church, trying to find it in a movement. It's in God. Hallelujah! He's the one that gives strength. He wants to move into our life where it's personal. It's not next-door-neighbor stuff, it's not down-the-road stuff, and it's not in the sweet bye-and-bye. God desires a fellowship with us and a relationship, that when we're faint we can tell God the truth and wait on Him to bring it, instead of changing the program when He doesn't move when we want Him to move.

Someone said to me one time, "Brother Krider, I don't have any power." I said, "Why don't you talk to God? What do you want me to do about it? It's not my job to give you power, it isn't my job to give you strength; that's God's job." I quit standing in for God a long time ago. You know, you need to learn to quit standing in for God, too. You are representing Him; you are there in His stead, but He's God.

1 Cor. 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. (7)So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Our job is to plant seeds of faith in one another's lives. Our job is to be a vessel through which the strength of the Lord can flow, but don't get people's eyes on you, because just as sure as you do, you become a creator to them. You have created their strength and it's up to you to maintain it. You have created their joy and their atmosphere of joy, and it's up to you to maintain it.

It's the Lord's job to give you strength; it's the Lord's job to give you power. See, they had forgotten that; they had gone to idol worship. Don't ever take God's place. Make people realize they need a personal relationship with Christ. They need a personal God who is personally responsible for them. We need to bring men and women to Christ.

So here He's telling them:

Is. 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increases strength. (30) Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

He is talking about the natural man; he doesn't have the strength to stand, he doesn't have the ability to stand, no matter if he is young or whatever. Let me tell you something, friend of mine, if your joy is because you have physical strength, it's the wrong joy. If your power is because you can flex a muscle and take up 200 pounds, you have the wrong power because it's going to fail on you one day. He said that even their strength is going to fail.

Look all around us in this world today; people's strength is failing them. There is fear in every man's heart today, worried, full of anxiety about wars and rumors of wars, and trying to make a false covenant of peace which isn't going to work. Yet you and I should say, "Lord, I feel a little faint right now; just give me some power. I feel a little faint right now, just begin to strengthen me." We are to strengthen ourselves in the Lord, in the power of His might (**Zech 4:6; Phil 4:13**). I am not responsible to make anyone strong.

Too many of us want to be creators; we want to create peace in people's hearts. We want to set conditions just right so that nobody gets offended. We want to compromise so that nobody's feelings are going to get walked on. When you do that you are a creator; you are creating situations. God says, "I'm the Creator. I sit on the circle of the earth (**Is. 40:22**). I create all things."

Thank God for men like Joseph in the Bible, where they are thrown into prison and in prison they have joy. The three Hebrew children, in the midst of the fiery furnace, have great revelations of Christ. Can't you see somebody sitting up there and saying, "Hey, listen, I'll talk to the King for you. We are going to turn the heat down a little bit now." Well, the devil tried to do it, didn't he? He worked through King Nebuchadnezzar and said, "Look fellows, if you just compromise your faith I'll give you new strength. I'll deliver you from this fiery furnace" (**Daniel chap.3**). Who would have been God then? The King would have been God, he that created the situation. He would have created the condition for their surrender.

I want to tell you something, friend: there are people working day and night trying to set situations and areas and things up for you so that they can be a creator to you; so that you become dependent upon them for your joy; dependent upon them for your strength. God is saying that we have to quit trying to be creators. We have to quit trying to create things to make our wives and husbands really happy. You're not the creator, God is.

So we see in the natural that those things fail, but look at this next verse:

Is. 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . .

Underline the word "wait". In this circumstance according to Strongs Conc. #6960 it means, "**to bind together by twisting.**" So when you have a problem, you ought to start getting twisted up in Christ. When you are feeling faint, you need to get twisted up in Him. When you come to a place where you can't go on, get twisted up in Him. When you are in a situation where everything is falling apart, get twisted up in Him.

Begin to learn to get twisted up in Jesus when you feel faint. When you have no strength at all don't start running to men, don't start running to women, and don't start running into better situations trying to get straight. Get entangled with the Lord; get that threefold cord ministering to your life. Get involved in the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, and your little cord will be hidden in the middle of them, and every time you need strength it will come from God. Every time you feel faint, the power of God will begin to come. You are going to find great things happening when you begin to get entwined with God.

The world has all kinds of programs. They create so they might run men. Come on, it's in man to be a manipulator; it's in man to be a ruler, it's in man to control other men. It's just there. "If I can get a program together, it would get me thirty or forty people and make them dependent upon me. I am going to build me a church." You are crazy because you just stepped in and said, "I'm the creator here and I'm going to create in those thirty to forty people the atmosphere for their joy. I'm going to create myself a job, and I am going to be there."

You are their creator. You are in control of the atmosphere, but when the bubble starts getting a blister, they may call you at three o'clock in the morning and say, "Hey, listen, you told me that if I would just follow you, if I would listen to your counsel, I would be a joyful person." "Wait a minute, I will be over in my office at nine o'clock in the morning. Come and talk to me and we will take care of your bubble." In the meantime five other bubbles start coming up. You are sitting around saying, "I just don't know why this is happening." It's because you wanted to be a creator. Our joy is not in any work of flesh; our joy is not determined by situations and circumstances. Our joy is determined by our relationship with God. There will be a lot of people who will try to help you to become a creator, but after they have set you up on your little creating throne and they have given you a little zap, when you need them you never can find them. You are standing there alone. After they have given you all that, they walk off and leave you.

God is saying, "You are not the creator. I'm the one that sits on the circle of the earth. I'm the one that gives the strength. I'm the one that gives the power. They that wait, those that are entwined with Me, those that are knit together with Me, that's when things begin to happen."

"They that wait upon the Lord..." Not upon a better situation, not upon some man to come along and lay sweaty hands on my sweaty head and prophesy nice things over me. If I am going to have any joy, if I am going to have any strength, if I am going to have any power, I am going to have to learn whom I am going to have to wait on.

In **Galatians 1:6-7** Paul says to the Church: ***I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.***

Paul had to warn them. He said, "I marvel that you're so soon turned away from the Gospel, to serve another God who is not a God at all." There will always come another creator. There are people who are going to come into your life and into your situation and want to be your creator. They are not going to tell you they want to be it, but you will find some funny things start happening; they start shaping your life. They start working on your head, start developing double vision, start saying things like, "I never felt better." What a lie! I am not going to confess that stuff.

You see, I live in my Father's house and He's responsible for me. If I need anything I can go to my Creator and I can talk to Him, and I can pour out my heart to Him, and He takes time to listen. He creates strength, but He doesn't always create nice situations for me. He didn't create them for Paul the Apostle either. He's not going to create them for you either. Do you know why He doesn't create all those nice situations? It's because you would like them so well that you would never want to leave.

This isn't home, friends; this isn't home. Just about the time you think that you have learned the language, it changes on you. I can't understand some of the words the younger generation use, but God still talks where I can understand Him. He still speaks in my ear and tells me, "You messed up." I understand it perfectly. How many have problems with "You messed up." Look at Isaiah 40:31 again:

They that wait upon the Lord (are entwined with Him) **shall...**

Underline the word "shall"; it's a positive thing.

...shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

We have tried to be the creator. We have talked to God on our terms. "Now God, if you do this, I'm going to do this." What you are doing is that you're trying to talk creator to Creator. You're going to lose; you're going to lose big time. It doesn't work that way. No! You see, ***"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death"*** (**Prov. 14:12**). If you have ever tried to be a creator you know the end of that is death.

We sit around and create all kinds of things in our mind on how to get them motivated. We act like a bunch of coaches who are on a team. "No matter what the Bible says here, you run out there, turn to your left, go around the lamp-post, go over the car and I'll throw you the pass, and we will have a touchdown." The only

trouble is that by the time I get the ball I'm flattened out; I am not passing the ball anywhere.

The creators get in trouble because they are not God. No matter how much I wait on my Pastor, he can't renew my strength. No matter how long I wait on someone else to help me, they just can't give me what I need. We need to realize that we are not the Creator; we are the created.

He is the Creator; we are the creation, so therefore we belong to Him. He has the strength, He has the power, and He sets the condition. That is what the Creator can do.

Ps. 119:89 Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Settled according to Strong's Conc. #5324, and the Dictionary means: established; permanently in a place; unmovable like concrete. His word is set forever in heaven; we can't break it so the best thing we can do is obey it.

I would hate to think that I would have to be responsible for making you happy. I would even hate to think that I was responsible for trying to make you like one another. I just hate to think that I would be responsible to issue you strength and power. That makes it a lot easier to just be myself.

I don't have to dish out any thing but the word of God and the love of God. I'm not responsible for how you respond. I'm not responsible whether you like me or not. I'm on a "love Jesus campaign." I'm trying to get men and women's eyes off of one another and on Christ, and to quit blaming people when you don't have any strength. When you become a failure, don't blame somebody else.

Is. 49:23.... thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

They that wait upon the Lord shall never be ashamed. I like that, don't you? I remember when I was a young pastor; I was going to build the biggest, the best, and fastest church in town. Today it's right under the ground and a freeway goes over where it once stood. I do at least 55 over it every day. We get all these big ideas when we get started. As soon as you get rid of those ideas and you say, "Lord, You have created me and I am going to learn to be entwined with You, because the more I am entwined with You, the farther away the devil stays from me."

***James 4:7 submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
(8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.***

God has the arsenal; He has the key. Most of us have rubber daggers. It's pretty hard to fight with big swords holding up diapers and bottles. If you want to be a little baby, be a little baby awhile, but realize that He has created you. The teachers can teach you all the wonderful truths of the word of God. They can lay them on the table but they can't make you grow an inch. They can't even give you a sword; you have to go to the locker. We get our feelings hurt when somebody loves us enough to tell us the truth.

Our strength, our power comes from the Lord. It ought to be a joy to be saved. If we could resurrect someone who has been in hell a little while, he would be the happiest guy in the world. He won't need an airplane. He'll be everywhere, telling everybody about Jesus. Do you realize that's what happened to us? But we get resurrected in Christ and we want to start creating. We want to do brain surgery, but we can't even take a splinter out. It isn't my business to straighten you out. My business is to worship the Lord,

praise Him, and love you and encourage you. My job is to share what God has done with my life just like you would share what God has done with your life.

God is saying to us, "Don't try to be the Creator. I am the Creator. I'm the One who issues strength and power. I'm the one who renews your strength." You must wait upon the Lord, and become entwined in Him. One day you will walk up to the door of God's arsenal, and you won't ask for anything. You will just present yourself, and God will hand you your sword, and say, "Here's your strength; here's your power."

If you have been trying to manipulate and run people's lives, to create in their lives, forget it. That's why you're not happy. I'm happy because I am not trying to create anything. The most I have ever created is havoc but I'm telling you, God is saying, "People, I want you to let me be the Creator and go the way that I have asked you to go."

Father, in the name of Jesus, what a wonderful life to live; what a wonderful joy. Lord, we know there is strength, we know there is power so that when we are faint, when we are in need let us just entwine ourselves with You. Help us not to change, move on and do other things, but help us to learn to enjoy where we are. Help us, Lord, to be the kind of Christians who are able to give wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to one another. Lord, to be a vessel through which You can strengthen, a vessel through which You can flow.

It's an awesome thing to be the Creator, an awesome thing to be responsible for that which is created, and yet, Father, You are responsible for each one of us. You do it with a glad heart and with rejoicing; You do it with gladness of mind and heart because You love us. Lord, You are wanting to take full responsibility to bring into our lives the strength we need, to bring into our lives the power we need to help us to release people into your good care, Lord. Help us just to be there to help them, in Jesus' name. Amen!