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Isaiah 40:21-22

- **Forgetting God**
 - **The many ways in which we “forget God.”**
 - ✓ God is no longer cool to talk about. _____
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 - ✓ The “if there was a God” answer. _____
 - ✓ How could anyone smart believe in God? _____
 - ✓ There’s just no time for God. _____
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 - **What is God to me?**
 - **Israel’s national sin:** in three part harmony.
 - Rejecting God. _____
 - ✓ I Sam. 10:19, _____
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 - ✓ Is. 17:10, _____
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 - ✓ John 19:15, _____
 - **But what about those of us who aren’t Israel?**
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 - ✓ Rom. 1:19-20, _____
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 - **God’s Reminders**
 - Natural consequences for goodness sake.
 - What do we see?
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- **And Your Point Is . . . ?**
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 - 40:12-14. _____
 - **And just who is God?**
 - 40:21-26. _____
 - 40:28-31. _____
- **When You Get Done Making Idols . . .**
 - 40:18-20
 - They all tip over. _____
 - They all decay. _____
 - After a long while we all get tired of looking at ourselves.
- **What Else Can a Loving God do?**
 - Hebrews 12:6. _____
 - Is. 40:1-2. _____
 - Hebrews 12:11. _____

But there is a much greater goal than mere discipline and control by an obsessive-compulsive God, or a being who takes delight in making a point of how weak and helpless we are. *Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arms He will gather the lambs, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead the nursing ewes. (40:11)*

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