

向天举目！



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• Temptations to Look Down 垂头丧气的试探

- How much longer does the Lord want us to pastor and teach in Singapore?
- How will John graduate debt free next year?
- Will we ever own a house or have money to retire?
- 上帝要我们在新加坡牧养和教导到什么时候？
- 怎样才能可以使 John 明年毕业又能还清大学学费的贷款？
- 我们能否拥有自己的房子或足够的金钱去保障日后的退休生活？

DON'T
LOOK
DOWN

不要
垂头丧气

What causes you

- **Transition? 人生转变?**
- **Finances? 财政状况?**
- **Physical? 身体五官?**
- **Relational? 人际关系?**

... to look down?

甚么令你

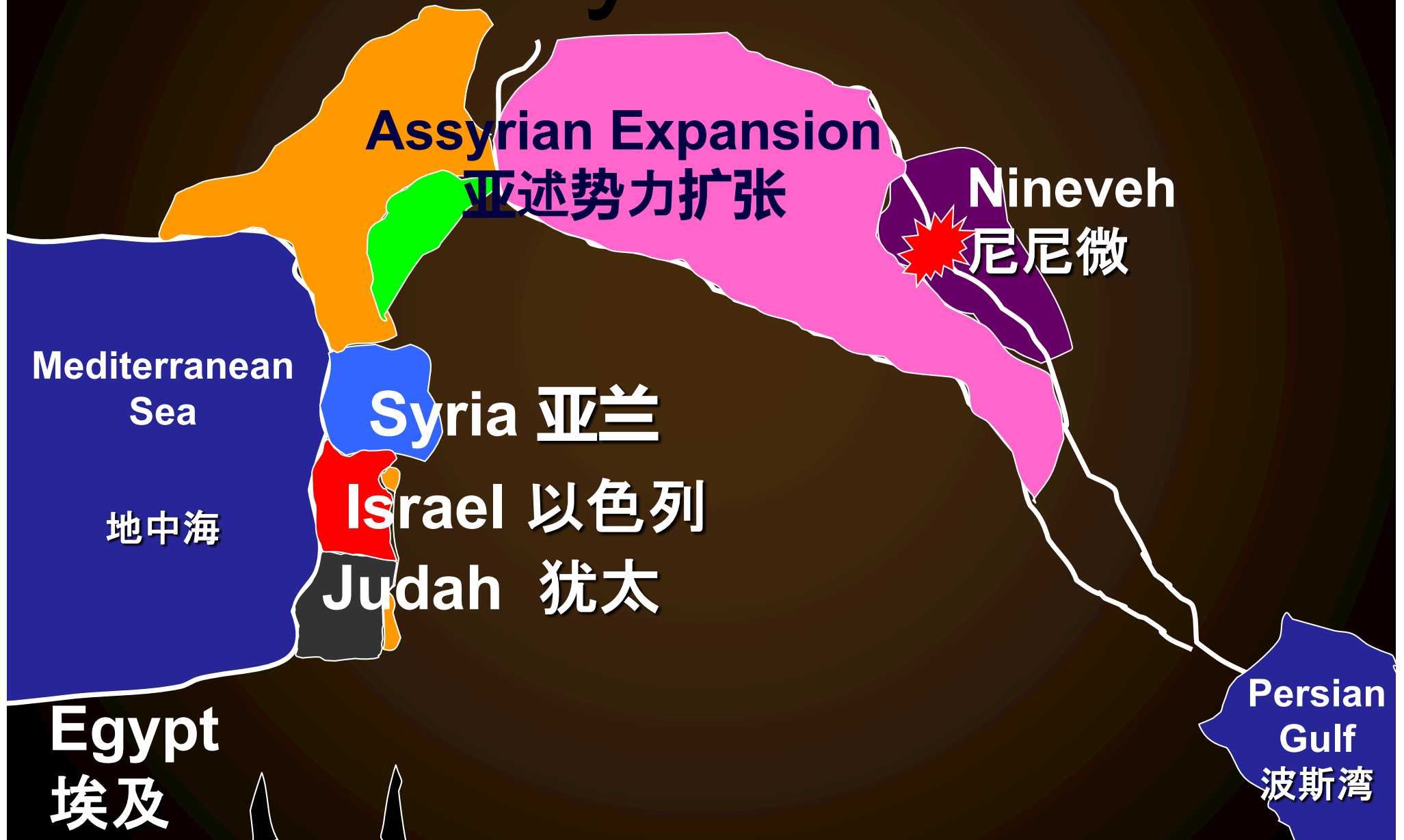
...垂头丧气?



How can you
look up to the
LORD during
your struggle?

你们如何能在
困难挣扎中向
上帝**举目**？

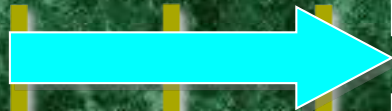
The Assyrian Threat 亚述的威胁



Timeline 时间轴 Isaiah 以赛亚 740-680 BC

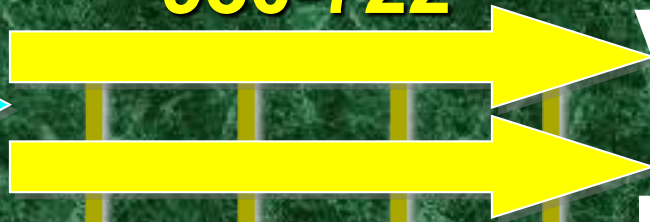
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联合王国

1050-930



Divided Kingdom
分为王国

930-722



Solitary Kingdom
孤立王国

722-586



Post-Exile
被掳归回

536-425



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Exile 被掳 586-536

Isaiah 40: Three ways to look up...

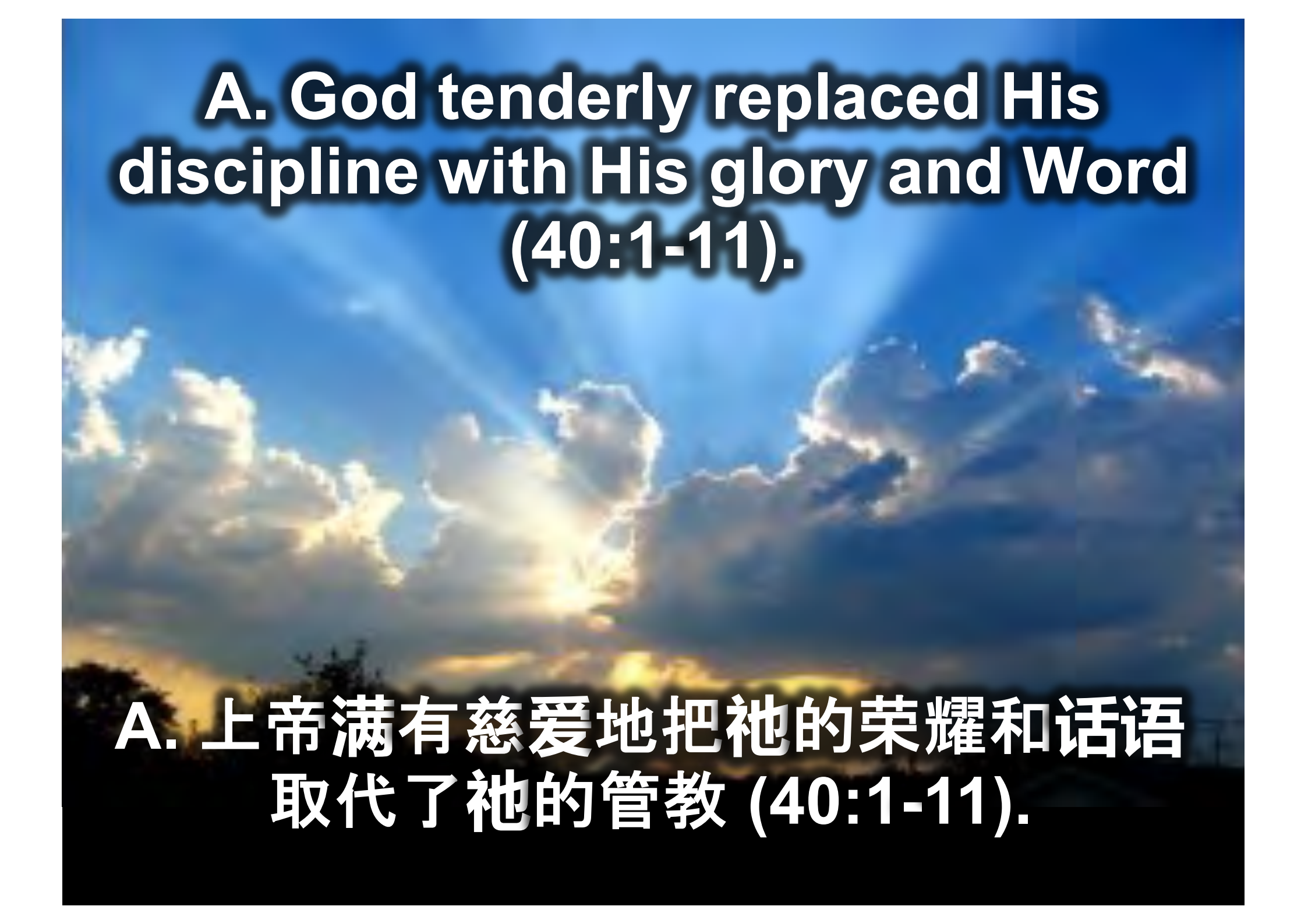


以赛亚书 40: 向天举目的三个方法...

I. Know
that He
cares (1-
11).

I. 要知道祂
在乎 (1-
11).





**A. God tenderly replaced His
discipline with His glory and Word
(40:1-11).**

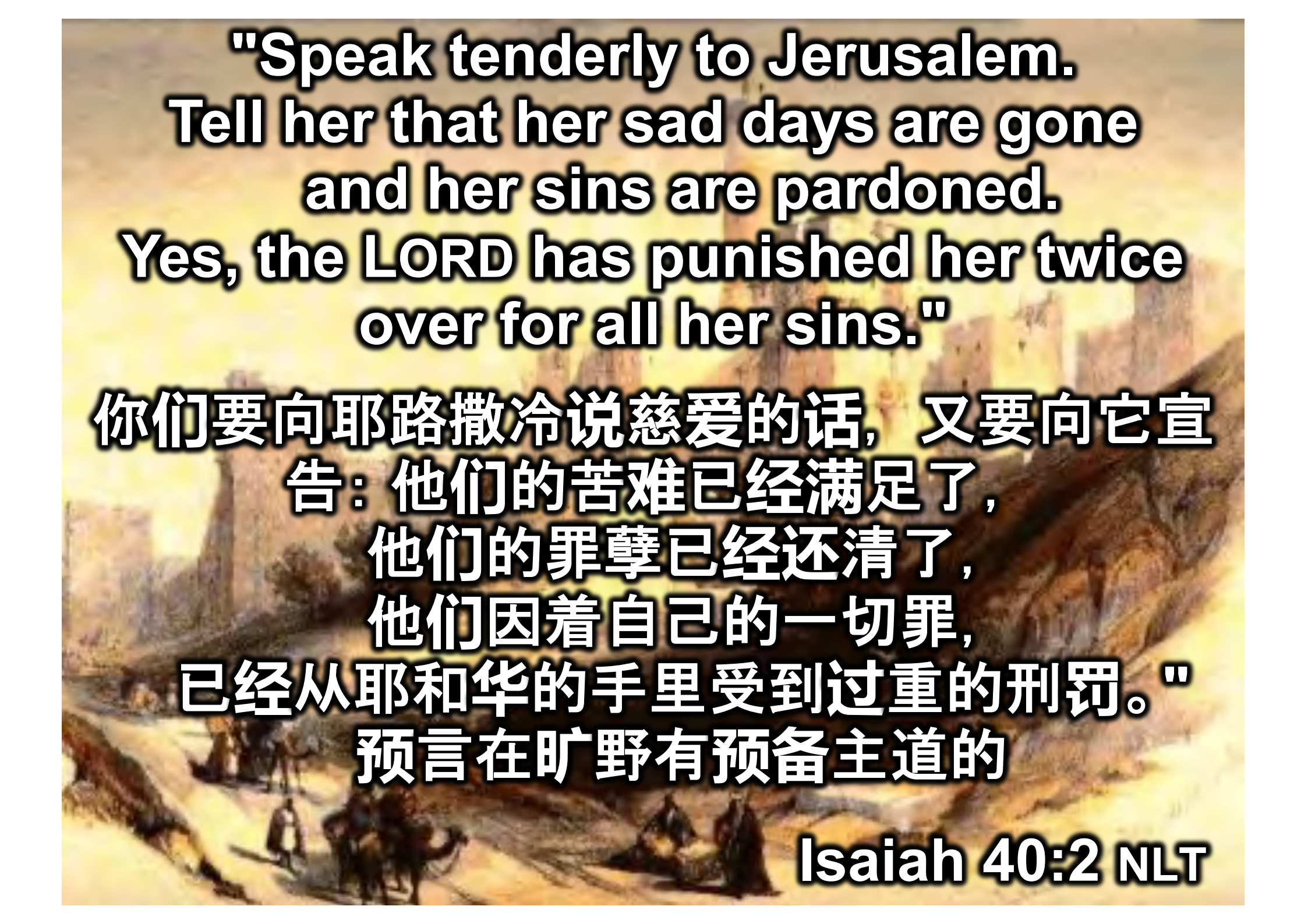
**A. 上帝满有慈爱地把祂的荣耀和话语
取代了祂的管教 (40:1-11).**

40:1

Isaiah

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

**你们的神说：“你们要安慰，
要安慰我的子民！”**



**"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.
Tell her that her sad days are gone
and her sins are pardoned.
Yes, the LORD has punished her twice
over for all her sins."**

你们要向耶路撒冷说慈爱的话，又要向它宣告：他们的苦难已经满足了，他们的罪孽已经还清了，他们因着自己的一切罪，已经从耶和华的手里受到过重的刑罚。”
预言在旷野有预备主道的

Isaiah 40:2 NLT

Isaiah: Restoration of the Created Order

**Judgment
(and Salvation)**

Chapters 1–39

以赛亚书:

审判 (与拯救)

第一至三十九章

**Salvation
(and Judgment)**

Chapters 40–66

恢复原本创造的秩序

拯救 (与审判)

第四十至六十六章

**God's glory would be seen
with His Word (3-8).**

**神的榮耀借着祂的话语得以彰显
(3-8).**





**Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting,
"Clear the way through the wilderness
for the LORD! Make a straight highway
through the wasteland for our God!**

**有声音呼喊说：
"你们要在旷野清理耶和華的路，
在沙漠修直我们 神的大道。**

Isaiah 40:3

4 Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. 5 Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The LORD has spoken!"

**4 一切深谷都要填满，
一切山冈都要削平；
险峻的要改为平地，
崎岖的要改为平原。**

**5 耶和华的荣耀必要显现，
所有的人都必一同看见，
因为这是耶和华亲口说的。”**

Isaiah 40:4-5



"Roll out the red carpet!"



"把红地毯展开!"

Isaiah 40:6 NLT

A voice said, "Shout!"
I asked, "What should I shout?"
"Shout that people are like the grass.
Their beauty fades as quickly
as the flowers in a field.

有声音说：“你呼喊吧！”
他问：“我呼喊甚么呢？”
“所有的人尽都如草；
他们的荣美都像野地的花。”

Isaiah 40:7-8 NLT

⁷The grass withers and the flowers fade
beneath the breath of the LORD.

And so it is with people.

⁸The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the word of our God stands forever."

⁷ 草必枯干，花必凋谢；
因为耶和华的气吹在上面；
真的，这民的确是草！

⁸ 草必枯干，花必凋谢，
唯有我们 神的道永远长存。"

**God cared for Judah 神满有慈爱地看顾犹太
tenderly (40:9 NLT) (40:9)**

**O Zion, messenger of
good news,
shout from the
mountaintops!
Shout it louder, O
Jerusalem.
Shout, and do not be
afraid.
Tell the towns of
Judah,
"Your God is coming!"**

**报好信息给锡安的啊！
你要登上高山。
报好信息给耶路撒冷的
啊！
你要极力扬声。
要扬声，不要惧怕！
要对犹太的众城说：
"看哪，你们的神！"**

**God cared for Judah 神满有慈爱地看顾犹太
tenderly (40:10 NLT) (40:10)**

**¹⁰Yes, the Sovereign
LORD is coming in
power.
He will rule with a
powerful arm. See, he
brings his reward with
him as he comes.**


**¹⁰看哪！主耶和华必像
大能者临到，
他的膀臂要为他掌权；
看哪！他给予人的赏赐在
他那里，
他施予人的报应在他面
前。**



He will feed his flock
like a shepherd.
He will carry the lambs
in his arms, holding
them close to his
heart. He will gently
lead the mother sheep
with their young.

他必像牧人牧养自己的羊
群，
像用膀臂聚集羊羔，
抱在自己的怀中，
慢慢引导乳养小羊的。

Isaiah 40:11 NLT



Do you **feel** that God
cares for **you**?

你 **感受到**上帝看顾**你**吗？



Loving Discipline (Heb. 12:5-6 NLT)

爱的管教 (希伯来书12:5-6)

"My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. ⁶For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

**"我儿！你不可轻看主的管教，
受责备的时候也不要灰心；
因为主所爱的，他必管教，
他又鞭打所收纳的每一个儿子。"**



Loving Discipline (Heb. 12:7 NLT)

爱的管教 (希伯来书12:7)

⁷As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?

⁷为了接受管教，你们要忍受，因为 神待你们好像待儿子一样；哪有儿子不受父亲管教的呢？



I. Know
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I. 要知道祂
在乎 (1-
11).





II. Know that He's **able** (12-26).

II. 要知道祂**能够** (12-26).



**A. God rules the world with all
power (12-26).**

A. 神以全能掌管世界 (12-26).



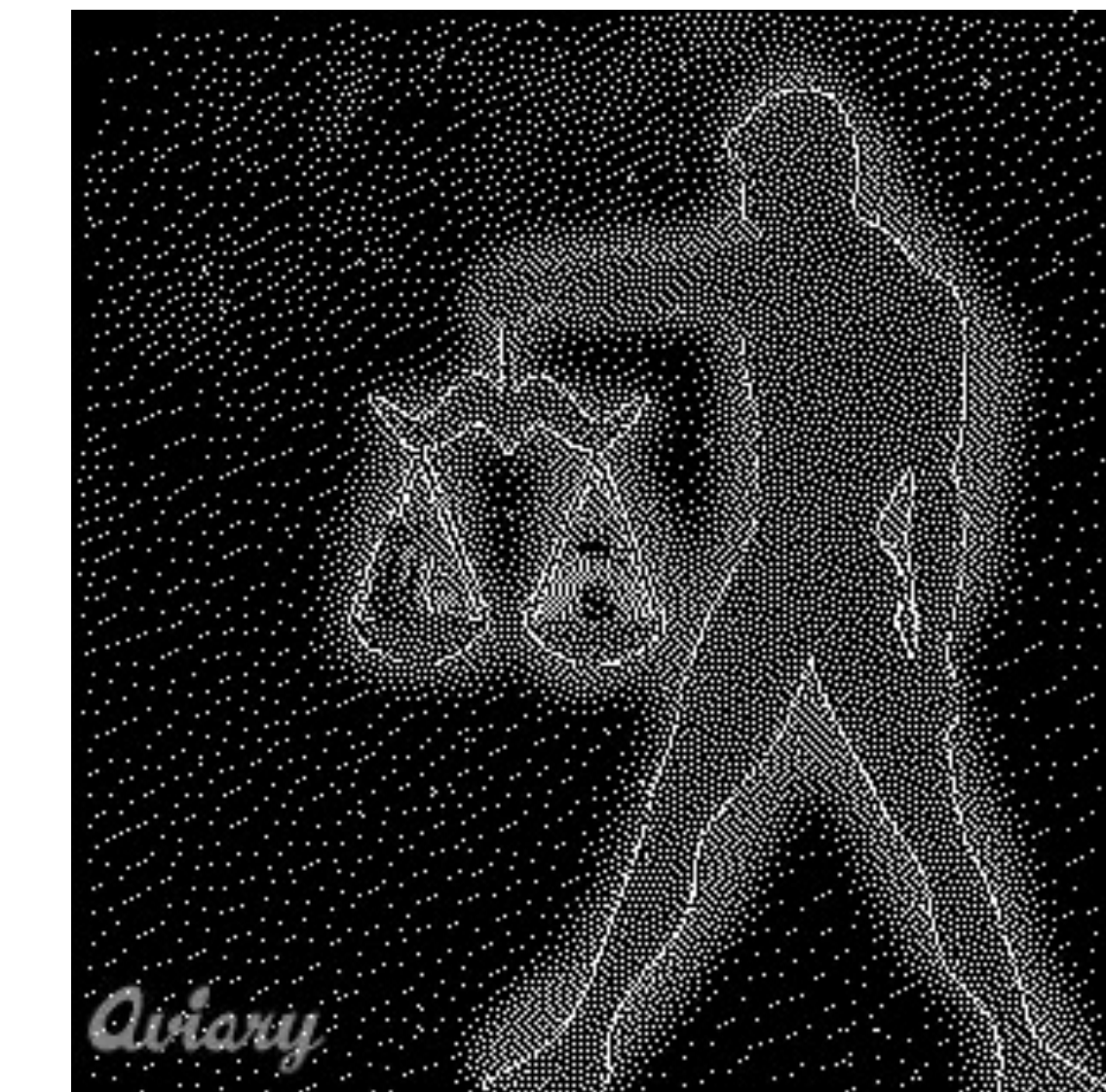
1. He's **bigger** than anything (12-13).

"Who else has held the oceans in his hand?"

1. 祂比世界一切**都大** (12-13).

"谁曾用掌心量过海水?"

Isaiah 40:12a NLT



Who has measured off
the **heavens** with his
fingers?
Who else knows the
weight of the **earth**
or has weighed the
mountains and **hills** on
a scale?

用手掌测过**苍天**呢？
谁曾用升斗量过**大地**的尘
土，
用秤称**山岭**，
用天平称**冈陵**呢？

Isaiah 40:12b NLT

He's **wiser**
than
anyone
(40:13-14
NLT).

祂比谁都**更**
有智慧
(40:13-14).

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? ¹⁴Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice?

谁曾测度耶和华的灵，
或作过他的谋士教导他呢？
他与谁商议，谁使他有聪明？
谁把正确的路指教他，把知识指教他，
又把明智的路教导他呢？

He's *incomparable* (15-26).

You are here.
你就在这里.



祂是*无与伦比* (15-26).

Isaiah 40:15 NLT

No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.

看哪！万国都像水桶里的一滴，又被看作天平上的微尘。

看哪！他举起众海岛，好像微细之物。





**All the wood
in Lebanon's
forests and all
Lebanon's
animals
would not be
enough to
make a burnt
offering
worthy of our
God.**

**黎巴嫩的树林
不够当柴烧，
其中的走兽也
不够作燔祭。**

**以赛亚书
40:16**

**Isaiah 40:16
NLT**

The nations of the world are worth nothing to him. In his eyes they count for less than nothing—mere emptiness and froth.

万国在他跟前好像不存在，
在他看来，只是乌有和虚空。

Isaiah 40:17 NLT



Isaiah 40:18-19 NLT

**To whom can you compare
God? What image can you
find to resemble him? ¹⁹Can
he be compared to an idol
formed in a mold,
overlaid with gold, and
decorated with silver
chains?**

**你们把谁来跟神相比呢？
你们用甚么形象来与神并列呢
？**

**至于偶像，是匠人铸造的，
铸匠用金子把它包裹，
用银子为它做银炼。**



Or if people are too poor for that, they might at least choose wood that won't decay and a skilled craftsman to carve an image that won't fall down!

**贫穷献不起这供物的，
就拣选不朽坏的树木，
为自己寻找巧匠，
立起不会动摇的偶像。**

Isaiah 40:20 NLT

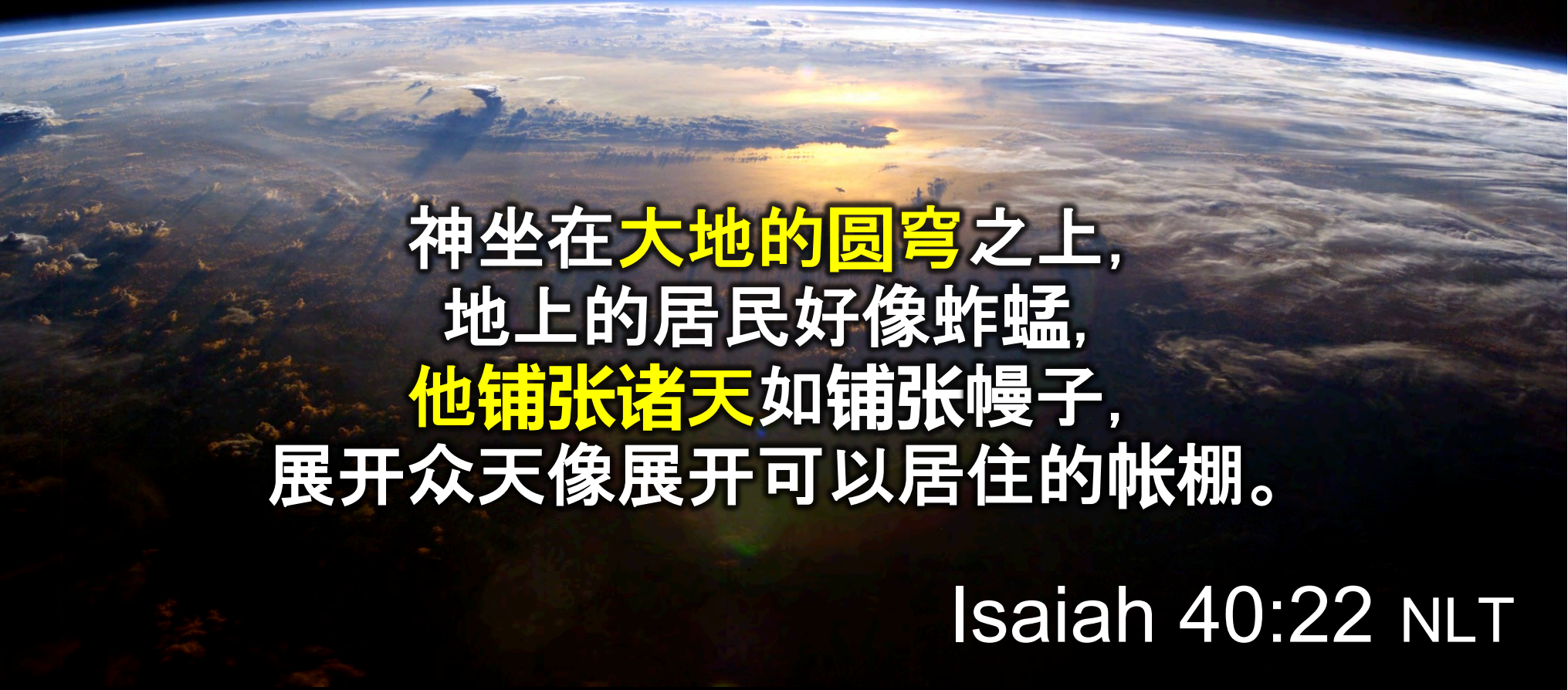


Isaiah 40:21 NLT

**Haven't you
heard? Don't you
understand?
Are you deaf to the
words of God—
the words he gave
before the world
began? Are you so
ignorant?**

**你们不曾知道吗？
你们不曾听见吗？
不是从起初就已经告诉过你们吗？
自从大地的根基立了以来，你们还不曾
明白吗？**

God sits above the **circle of the earth**.
The people below seem like grasshoppers to
him! **He spreads out the heavens** like a
curtain and makes his tent from them.



神坐在**大地的圆穹**之上，
地上的居民好像蚱蜢，
他铺张诸天如铺张幔子，
展开众天像展开可以居住的帐棚。

Isaiah 40:22 NLT

Isaiah 40:23-24 NLT

²³He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing. ²⁴They hardly get started, barely taking root, when he blows on them and they wither. The wind carries them off like chaff.

²³ 他使诸侯都归于无有，使地上的审判官成为虚空。²⁴ 他们才刚刚栽上，刚刚种上，他们的树头刚刚地里扎根，他一吹在其上，他们就枯干了，旋风把他们像碎秸一样吹去。



Isaiah 40:25 NLT

"To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One.

那圣者说：“你们把谁来跟我相比，使他与相等呢？”

"Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name."

"你们向天举目吧！

看是谁创造了这些万象？

是谁按着数目把万象领出来

一一指名呼唤？"

Is He Bigger? 祂更大吗?

"因他的大能大力，
连一个也不缺少。"
(以赛亚书 40:26).

"Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing" (Isa 40:26 NLT).



Hong Kong from my flight

我在飞机上看到的香港



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II. Know that He's **able** (12-26).

II. 要知道祂**能够** (12-26).



III. Trust in His **strength** (27-31).

III. 信靠祂的**能力** (27-31).

**O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not
see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say
God ignores your rights?**

**雅各布啊！你为甚么这样说；以色列啊！你为甚么
埋怨说：“我的道路向耶和华隐藏，
我的案件被我的 神忽略了”？**



**Isaiah 40:27
NLT**

A composite image of Earth, the Moon, and the Sun in space. The Earth is on the left, showing green and blue continents and oceans. The Moon is in the center, and the Sun is on the right, glowing brightly. The background is a dark, starry space.

Isaiah 40:28 NLT

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

**你不知道吗？
你没有听过吗？
永在的神、耶和华、
地极的创造主
既不疲乏，也不困倦；
他的知识无法测度。**

**29 疲乏的，他赐气力，
无力的，他加力量。**

**30 就是年轻人也会疲
乏困倦，强壮的人也会
全然跌倒。**

**29 He gives power to the
weak and strength to
the powerless.**

**30 Even youths will
become weak and tired,
and young men will fall
in exhaustion.**



Isaiah 40:29-30 NLT

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.

但那些仰望耶和华的人，必重新得力；



They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.


They will walk and not faint.

他们必像鹰一样展翅上腾；

他们奔跑，也不困倦，

他们行走，也不疲乏。

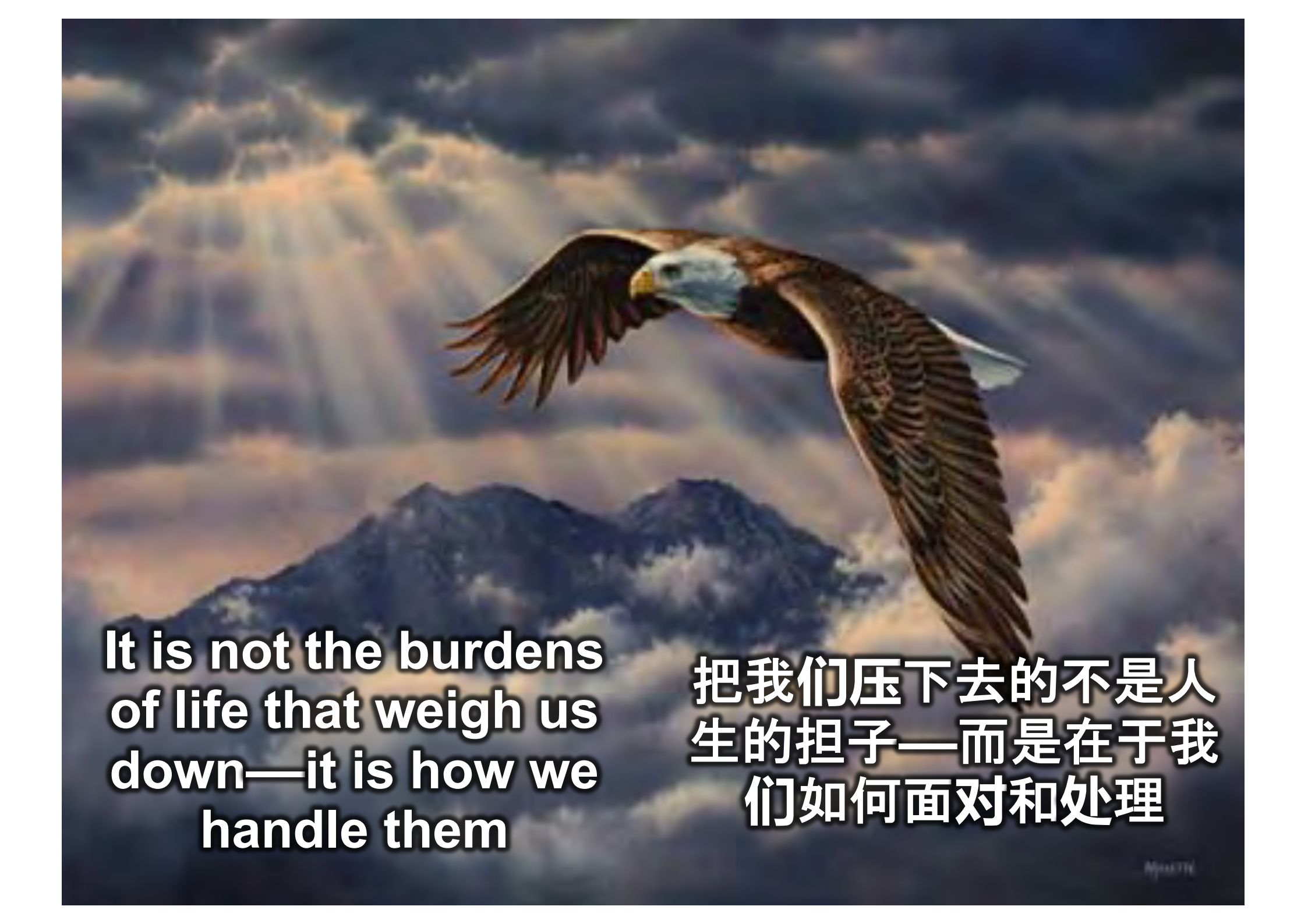
Isaiah 40:31 NLT

A dramatic sky scene featuring a bright sun partially obscured by clouds on the left side, casting a golden glow over a vast expanse of white and grey clouds. In the center of the image, a dark silhouette of an eagle is captured in flight, its wings spread wide. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and transcendence.

**...They will soar high
on wings like eagles...**

...他们必像鹰一样展翅上腾...

Isaiah 40:31 NLT

A bald eagle is shown in flight, soaring over a range of mountains. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with some light breaking through, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The eagle's wings are spread wide, and its head is turned slightly to the left. The overall mood is one of strength and resilience.

**It is not the burdens
of life that weigh us
down—it is how we
handle them**

**把我们压下去的不是人
生的担子—而是在于我
们如何面对和处理**

Main Idea 中心思想



He **cares** and He's **able**,
so **trust** Him

祂在乎和祂能够，
所以要**信靠**祂

How can you *trust* God with your struggle right now?

只要向天举目

JUST LOOK

UP

GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

神比你想象中更靠近

The Gaze-Glance Principle 注视-描过的准则

Seeking God's **Hand** 寻求神的**手**

Source: Elton & Shirley Gillam,
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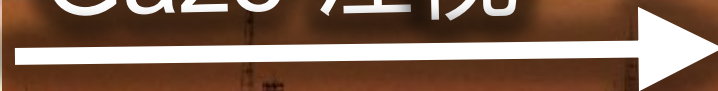


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Gaze 注视



The Gaze-Glance Principle 注视-描过的准则

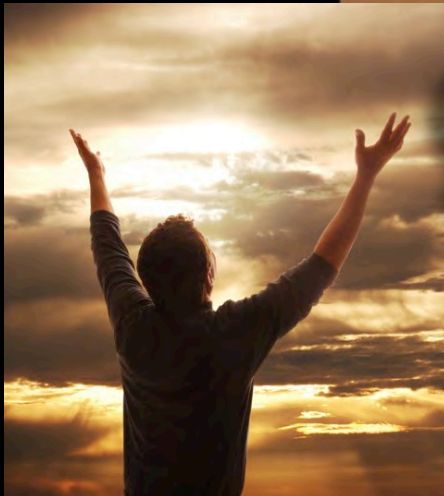
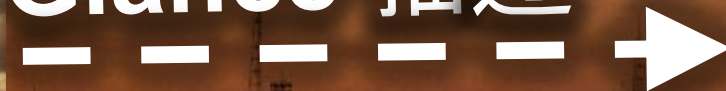
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