

# **There is Nothing the Messiah Can be Compared To**

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**Introduction:** In this chapter we have orders given to preach and publish the glad tidings of redemption. These glad tidings introduced by a voice in the wilderness, which gives assurance that all obstructions shall be removed , and that, though all creatures fail and fade, the word of God shall be established and accomplished. A joyful prospect is given to the people of God of the happiness which this redemption should bring along with it. The sovereignty and power of God is magnified as he undertakes to work out this redemption. Idols are therefore triumphed over and idolaters upbraided for their folly. A reproof given to the people of God for their fears and despondencies, and enough said, in a few words, to silence these fears. And we, through patience and comfort of this scripture, may have hope as well.

## **I.    VS 12 BEHOLD THE GOD OF ALL CREATION (PS 104 )**

God is not a being with the body of a giant, so large that all the waters of the earth could be cupped in His hand, or so large that the universe could be measured by the span of His hand. The Bible tells us that God the Father is spirit, so He does not have a body as we know it (John 4:24). But we understand exactly what the LORD tells us through the prophet Isaiah – God is so great, so dominant over all creation that we should stand in awe of His power and glory.

God is so great in His wisdom and intelligence that He calculated the dust of the earth in a measure. God knows exactly how many grains of dust there are on the earth. Even if a person knew the number of hairs on their head (as God knows, according to Luke 12:7), they could never calculate the dust in their own house – much less the dust of the earth.

To take it further, God knows how heavy the mountains are (He weighed the mountains in scales), and the hills also for that matter! (And the hills in a balance)

## **II. VS 13-14 BEHOLD THE GOD OF ALL WISDOM (PROV 9:10)**

Another aspect of God to behold is *His great wisdom*. He has the raw intelligence to know how much dust there is in the earth, and how heavy the mountains and the hills are. But more than that, God *has the wisdom to use that knowledge*. God

is so wise, that no one has directed the Spirit of the LORD; no one as His counselor has taught Him.

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD: God needs no counsel, no *instruction*, no *teacher*, and no one to show Him the way of understanding. God is omniscient all knowing.

### **III. God's greatness is measured in comparison to others (15-17) God's greatness surpasses all nations.(Isa 46:1-7)**

The glory of a powerful nation is something to behold. We think of a huge military parade, with all the strength of the nation on display. But compared to God, it is *nothing*. The greatest glory of the greatest nation is as a drop in a bucket compared to the greatness and glory of the Lord GOD.

If man were to take all the wood in the mighty forests of Lebanon and use it to make a burnt offering of all the animals of the land, it would not be enough to satisfy God. Man's best efforts cannot satisfy the honor and glory of God.

God declares His greatness over all creation, but He never says of creation that it is less than nothing and worthless. But the nations have an arrogance, a pride against God that puts them lower than creation itself – He accounts them less than nothing and worthless.

### **IV.VS18-20 God's greatness surpasses all idols.(Isa 44:6-8)**

There are many likenesses that represent the gods of the nations but they will never compare to God? They don't compare at all, because they are only the work of men's hands

“Maybe we are not as crude as the ancient Israelites, though some nations are. However, some people worship a crucifix, others will worship the church, or idolize the preacher. Some people will bow before the gods of materialism, ambition, sex,

**even home and loved ones, and will substitute anything if only they can escape having to get down to the basic need of facing why it is that God does not guide or deliver when they want him to.”**

**The empty images that are the idols of the nations must be made so that they will not totter. They can’t even stand up on their own! God has no rivals.**

**Look at the care you have to give to your idols. First, you have to choose good wood, because who wants to worship a rotting god? Then you must choose a skilled workman because who wants to worship a poorly made god? Then it has to be well designed because who wants to worship a god that keeps falling over?**

**Conclusion:     There is none like You  
No one else can touch my heart like You do  
I could search for all eternity long  
And find there is none like You  
There is none like You**

**Searched all over... couldn't find nobody  
I looked high and low... still couldn't find nobody  
Nobody greater... nobody greater no... nobody greater than you**

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**GOD NOTHING COMPARES TO HOW GREAT YOU ARE  
THE HEAVENS DECLARE YOUR GLORY AND THE EARTH  
POINTS TO YOUR POWER.**

**YOU ARE HOLY AND SET APART! YOU ARE ABOVE EVERY  
AREA OF MY LIFE AND IT IS BY YOUR HAND  
THAT MY WORLD IS HELD TOGETHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND HONOR BELONG TO YOU ALONE!**

**HALLELUJAH**

**IN JESUS NAME AMEN**