## **Teach Me What is Right and True**

## The Word:

"Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. "With whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared? Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." Isaiah 46:3-5, 9-10 NIV <u>https://bible.com/bible/111/isa.46.3-10.NIV [bible.com]</u>

When we read the Words of God, we can discover many things. In many ways, including the above verse, God is revealing Who He is.

You can trust what God says about Himself, but you cannot always trust what others say about God. Many times, we tend to diminish God's Supernatural qualities. We do this either because we don't understand how He can be so omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent and thus try to limit His power, or we diminish Him because we compare Him to other humans we know, who do need to sleep eventually so they can't possibly be there for us all the time, so how could God? Oftentimes, we do this without even realizing!

But, quoting from above, "With whom will you compare me (God) or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared?" In other words, who else even comes close? In these verses, God reveals to us Who He is and What He does:

- Listen to me, (gives good advice)
- you descendants of Jacob, (keeps His promises)
- all the remnant of the people of Israel, (keeps His promises to a thousand generations)
- you whom I have upheld since your birth, (He watches over you)
- and have carried since you were born. (He carries you and your burdens)
- Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, (He will not grow tired even when we are tired)
- I am he who will sustain you. (He will keep you going even when you think you can't it was never by your own power anyway)

- I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (no additional explanation needed!)
- "With whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared? (I am unlike any other and unlike EVERY other)
- Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. (Look back over your life at all the times I have been faithful)
- I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. (I am the beginning and the end)
- I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. (Do you want to fight against His purposes?)

So why do we strive and fight when God fights for us? Why do we try to get ahead if God's plans never fail? Do you plan against God or do you ask God what His plans are for you? Do you have the right view of God, or have you given someone or something else His power by an unequal comparison?

## Prayer:

God, thank you that you sustain me. You sustain me when I'm energized and when I'm tired; you sustain me when I'm eager and when I'm filled with dread; you sustain me when I'm focused and when I'm a hot mess; you sustain me when I'm young, and when my hair is gray (even if I color it). Thank you God that you are beyond compare, you see all, and that you are all that matters in this life and in the next. Help me wait for you, help me have the right image of you in my mind and in my heart. Help me see you correctly so that others see You when they look at me. Correct any false ideas I have about you and teach me what is right and true.

## Worship:

"Jireh and Worthy" by Elevation Worship <u>https://youtu.be/8tllFmO5zhs [youtu.be]</u>

"How Beautiful" by Mosaic MSC <u>https://youtu.be/JkhTUrjHvNY [youtu.be]</u>

"Pieces" by Stefany Gretzinger <u>https://youtu.be/VFnNz\_ugefc [youtu.be]</u>