The Word of Our God Stands Forever

Tony Mauck · Isaiah 40:1–8

INTRODUCTION

- Pi does not originate with man. It's not a value that we get to decide and determine.
- These values are fact. We simply discover them because they exist.

1 God's Standards Cannot Be Changed

- The same God who establishes pi, who establishes the law of gravity, defines the standards that govern human relationships and the behavior that leads to eternal life.
- God's standards of right behavior and the ultimate judgment in regard to those standards cannot be avoided. It cannot be circumvented. It cannot be changed.
- When Paul reasoned with him about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, at least he trembled. He respected the standard.

2 The Attempts at Redefining Marriage

Matthew 5:32

- No amount of legislation, no opinion poll, will ever change God's standard any more than we can change pi to 3.2.
- Everyone who divorces his wife except for the cause of immorality makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- A lot of what God labels adultery in our culture, a relationship that he does not approve, is considered acceptable marriage.
- The local church doesn't decide their eternal destiny.
- Adulterers must repent. Homosexuals must repent in order to be pleasing to God.

3 Man Is Transitory, but the Word Stands Forever

Isaiah 40:6–8

- Man is very short-lived. Man is transitory.
- All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
- The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.
- We're very temporary. All of us are.

4 My Word Will Accomplish the Purpose

Isaiah 55:8–11; Isaiah 59:21

- My word will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent.
- God's word is effective. God's word does exactly what God wants it to do. It does not fail. Men fail.

- This whole earth is going to be destroyed, but the word of the Lord endures forever.
- That's why we pass this on from generation to generation.

5 I Trust in God's Word

Isaiah 40:1; Isaiah 40:31

- Keep the counsel of God's word close to your heart. Always. Trusting in both its validity and its value.
- When I was baptized into Christ, I put to death the old man of sin. My sins, all of my sins of the past were washed away.
- I can trust in what God has said about salvation. And I can trust in what God has said about divine assistance for the righteous.
- Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles.

6 God Will Bring Retribution for the Ungodly

2 Corinthians 5:10

- God will bring retribution for the ungodly.
- Homosexuality, adultery, fornication, pornography, intoxication will be ungodly acts, no matter how our society may try to legitimize them.
- Pie will be pie no matter what. Sin will be sin, no matter what.
- We must all stand before the judgment seat of God to receive the things done in our body, whether those things are good or bad.

THE CHALLENGE

And we ought to live for that and long for that every day of our lives. The word of our God stands forever.

MY NOTES