

# Isaiah 40:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

## Analysis

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God Himself poses the question of His incomparability, using His holy name ('Qadosh'—the Holy One). The Hebrew 'damah' (equal/compare) repeats verse 18's challenge. God's holiness—His transcendent otherness and moral perfection—makes comparison impossible and irreverent. Only the Holy One can ask this question without arrogance.

## Historical Context

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This self-identification as 'the Holy One' is Isaiah's favorite title for God (used 25 times), emphasizing His moral purity and separateness from creation and sin.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's holiness inform your understanding of why He must be worshiped exclusively?
2. What aspects of God's holiness most challenge your casual approach to Him?

## Interlinear Text

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H413

תִּלְמִיתִי וְכִי

To whom then will ye liken

H1819

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me or shall I be equal

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the Holy One

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 40:18** (Parallel theme): To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

**Deuteronomy 4:33** (Parallel theme): Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

**Deuteronomy 5:8** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

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