

Isaiah 40:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Analysis

This verse presents God's eternal nature and unlimited power in stark contrast to human weakness described in preceding verses. The rhetorical questions expect the answer 'Of course you know!' The 'everlasting God' (El Olam) never began and will never end. As 'Creator of the ends of the earth,' His power spans all creation. The statement that He 'fainteth not, neither is weary' assures us that God never runs out of strength or needs rest—unlike human helpers who may fail us. His understanding being 'unsearchable' means His wisdom infinitely exceeds human comprehension.

Historical Context

Israelites in exile felt forgotten by God, questioning whether He still cared or had power to save them. Isaiah reminds them of fundamental truths about God's nature that they learned from creation and covenant history. This theology sustained Jewish faith through centuries of dispersion. For Christians, these attributes of God provide confidence that He has both the power and wisdom to accomplish His purposes in our lives and in history.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God never grows weary change your approach to persistent prayer and long-term faithfulness?
2. When circumstances make you question God's power or care, how can you return to these foundational truths about His nature?

Interlinear Text

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Hast thou not known **hast thou not heard** **God**

לֹא בָּא רֹא קָצֵצֵת עַל סְבִּיל יְהֹוָה בָּרוּא
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that the everlasting **the LORD** **the Creator** **of the ends** **of the earth**

לֹא יִגְעַל אֵלֶיךָ כִּי אֵין קָרֵב
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fainteth **not neither is weary** **there is no searching**

לֹא תִּפְגַּת בְּבָנֶיךָ
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of his understanding

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 147:5 (References Lord): Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Philippians 1:6 (Parallel theme): Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

1 Timothy 1:17 (Eternal Life): Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 40:21 (Parallel theme): Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

1 Corinthians 2:16 (References Lord): For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

John 14:9 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Genesis 21:33 (Eternal Life): And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

Luke 24:25 (Parallel theme): Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Hebrews 9:14 (Eternal Life): How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Jeremiah 4:22 (Parallel theme): For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.