

The Authority of Scripture on Trial
Study Guide

Isaiah 40:8

The New International Version, “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

The King James Version, “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Before we get DEEP within the word, answer these two questions, and you will answer them again after the study.

The two questions that are presented in the study guide are the following:

Who are the authors of these passages?

What is their testimony concerning the authority and trustworthiness of Scripture?

For us to fully understand the Scripture, we need to understand the foundation of the Scripture.

Isaiah was written in Hebrew. In words grass and flower, we believe in our understanding of the meaning. Because grass and flower are part of nature made by God who gave Adam the power to name, is the real meaning of grass and flower just speaking about their name more in-depth?

- The word: “grass” in Hebrew means green courtyard
- The word “flower” in Hebrew means gleaming or glistening
- The word: “withereth” in Hebrew comes from the root word *ashamed, confused or disappointed.*
- The word: “fadeth” in Hebrew comes from the root word *wilt, wicked, or disgrace*
- The word: “word” in Hebrew means a matter as spoken of

We understand the “word” is Jesus, to whom God is, also. We need to keep this in mind.

Now that we have the foundation laid, we can thoroughly understand this verse. BUT, we need to look at this verse and the verse that precedes Isaiah 40:8, which is Isaiah 40:7.

We can take Scripture out of context when isolated; when doing so, the Scripture is misunderstood, then interrupted incorrectly.

Isaiah 40:7 “ The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely, the people is grass.” (KJV)

Amazing revelation.

God’s power is mighty, and we shall fear God because this Scripture clearly states His power.

You see, in Isaiah 40:7, God is telling us that He is blowing the confused people, and the glistening of the flower is faded. Hence, we move to Isaiah 40:8 and how He tells us He stands forever.

Therefore, an incredible revelation of what God is telling us.

We shall fear God, as Isaiah 40:7-8 tells us. We must make sure we give Him reverence and stay in the light. Those people who are ashamed, confused, or disappointed will be blown away. Those people who gleam in their wickedness will also be blown away, they won’t stand, BUT God will remain.

Remember when the Pharisees were trying to trip up Jesus, claiming their thought pattern was correct rather than God’s way? Pharisees fell into religiosity, which is not of God.

Religiosity is something that all of us can fall victim to IF we do not humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

The word of Jesus, His words, we know how important it is to search our hearts and understand the Scripture as He intended, not the way we intended, feel, or think the Scripture means.

Misintruptation can have you going down a path, you think you are going the right way, but it is a dead-end with no warning, leading to death, as Matthew 7:21-23 states.

Isaiah is a great prophet considered by God. Man considers Isaiah as one of the major prophets noted in the Bible.

Prophets are God’s mouthpiece sent to us to correct, deliver, purge, and restore those called by God as His children.

Prophets are the hierarchy of God’s spiritual governmental system. Apostle being the First, Prophets, Second in Command, and so on.

Some individuals have been called to be what’s called the five-fold ministry. Those individuals hold all of God’s spiritual governmental system within.

We understand about Isaiah, His assignment, and to whom truly who Isaiah is.

God prophet Isaiah has the authority of God and has God inside him; hence, His words He spoke in the Bible is God himself as the author of Isaiah.

We see throughout the Bible how God inhabits people precisely. The word (Jesus) is walking, living, and breathing throughout the Bible as it is today.

Since God is speaking in the verses of Isaiah, we can now understand the authority and trustworthiness is of God himself. We know that God is God and supreme to whom He is speaking – God will never fad away!

References: NIV, KJV

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