

## Isaiah 40

- <sup>18</sup> To whom then will you liken God,  
or what likeness compare with him?
- <sup>19</sup> An idol? —A workman casts it,  
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold,  
and casts for it silver chains.
- <sup>20</sup> As a gift one chooses mulberry wood  
—wood that will not rot—  
then seeks out a skilled artisan  
to set up an image that will not topple.
- <sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

- <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the  
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as  
you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be  
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Matthew 22

- <sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them,  
a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He  
said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your  
mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
- <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of  
the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that  
David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,  
<sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”
- <sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from  
that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.