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Thought For the Day

Read Isaiah 40:12-14

Do you remember the television commercials where someone was slapped up-side the head because of some stupid decision, and in a newly awakened state they said “Thanks! I needed that!”

Sometimes God needs to get our attention. Our vision of Him becomes unfocused, our beliefs become fuzzy, doubts begin to creep in, and our confidence in who God is becomes weakened. God needs to do something to draw us back.

In the time of Isaiah the prophet, the people thought they had discovered (or at least they behaved as though they had discovered) something was greater than God – namely the Babylonian army. Isaiah, in an effort to induce the people to turn back to God, asked them 10 rhetorical questions:

1. *Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand?*
2. *(Who) with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?*
3. *Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket?*
4. *(Who) weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?*
5. *Who has understood the mind of the Lord?*
6. *(Who) instructed him as his counselor?*
7. *Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him?*
8. *Who taught him the right way?*
9. *Who was it that taught him knowledge?*
10. *(Who) showed him the path of understanding?*

These are questions that still challenge us – that snap us to attention – that remind us again that there is nothing or no one greater than God. There is nothing beyond His capabilities. We have every reason to trust Him.

We live in an unsettling world. Many are the things that can upset us. When we begin to focus on those things, it will do us good to go back to these questions of the prophet. After reading them, we’ll know we are in good hands above which there are none greater.

You are an awesome God. You reign from heaven above with wisdom, power and love. In you I will trust, now and always!