

TITLE AND NUMBER: 170. The everlasting nature of God



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Isaiah 40:28-31a

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

LOOKING FURTHER: Matthew 28: 16-20, John 15:1-17, 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

What does this Bible passage tell us?

The prophet Isaiah reminds us in this reading about the everlasting nature of God and the hope that this gives. We are reminded that God is quite different from us as human beings. God does not grow tired or weary and His understanding is much greater than ours. All relationships with God are based on God's own actions of grace and love.

This is important because if we try to live according to our own strength, using our own ways of doing things, we may find we get very tired and even disillusioned. As this passage says, even young men stumble and fall.

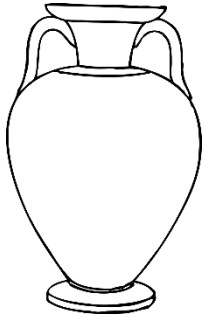
Remember, Jesus promises us at the end of St Matthew's Gospel that He is with us always to the end of the age. In St John's Gospel, Jesus tells us to remain in Him and we will bear fruit - fruit that will last. We do this through worship, prayer, and a regular pattern of being fed by reading the Bible.

We may feel weak. However, God can use our weakness to allow His power and His light to shine through to others. As St Paul said, 'But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.' (2 Cor 4:7-9)

Reflections:

- Reflect and give thanks for the everlasting nature of God and God's grace and love.
- Read through John 15:1-17 and note down your reflections on the back of this sheet.
- In prayer, bring anything you are worried about to God. Ask for God's strength, power and light to be present in yourself and in others.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

