

# BELPRES CHURCH

## Sermon Title: A Shepherd Brings Me Home

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**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:6-11

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<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out."  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
"All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever."

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,<sup>[a]</sup>  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.

<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.

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**Discussion Questions:**

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1. In Isaiah 40:6-8, the comparison of people and God is what? Why do you think this comparison even needs to be made?
2. In Isaiah 40:9-10, what are the people to proclaim? Why would this be important after the exile?
3. In Isaiah 40:11 what characteristics are revealed about God?
4. Of what we read in Isaiah 40:11, does this change our view of Psalm 23?