

Applying the Gospel to Life

Addictions: How They Capture Us

WE ARE UNAWARE –

- » Evil is present everywhere
- » Evil's goal is to take you captive
- » Cures are external, not internal

WE ARE UNPREPARED –

- » to meet pain
- » to meet disability
- » to meet calamity

WE ARE UNSATISFIED –

- » with what we see
- » with what we feel
- » with what we taste
- » with what we hear
- » with what we know

WE ARE UNPROTECTED –

- » from those who exercise authority over us
- » from those who exercise strength over us
- » from the bondage of shallow affections

HOW CAN I AVOID BEING CAPTURED? ISAIAH 40

1. BE AWARE (Isa. 40:1-5)

- a. There is a God who comforts us (v. 1)
- b. There is a God who is merciful (v. 2)
- c. There is a God who brings change (vv. 3-4)
- d. There is a God who reveals His glory (v. 5)

2. BE PREPARED (Isa. 40:6-8)

- a. For the frailties of life (v. 6)
- b. For the Destiny of life (v. 7)
- c. For the Surety in life (v. 8)

3. BE ENCOURAGED (Isa. 40:9)

Do not view God through a keyhole!

4. BE PROTECTED (Isa. 40:10-23)

- a. By the Good Shepherd (vv. 10-11)
- b. By the Divine Engineer (v. 12)
- c. By the All-Wise Counselor (vv. 13-14)
- d. By the All-Powerful Sovereign (vv. 15-17, 22-23)

5. Conclusion (vv 28-31)

