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And so He continues, "The voice said, Cry, and He said, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field." What do you mean, look at this great Babylonian power. The wonders of the world. The hanging gardens of Babylon. The tremendous walls. The great armies that come marching out. They conquered all alone. What do you mean all flesh is grass. The spirit of the Lord ~~will~~ blows on them. The people are grass. The grass withers. The flower fades. All these great walls of Babylon will be covered with the silt. They'll be left a ruin. Nothing there, except covered over with dirt, remaining that way for centuries. The grass withers. The flower fades, but the word of our God shall stand for ever. And God has declared He will deliver His people from exile, and He will do it. And God has declared He will bring an even greater deliverance, when He delivers His own from the power of sin, and He will do it.

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountains. O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work is before him." God will deliver them from exile. God will make an even greater deliverance from the powers of sin. "He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." God, the comforter. God's wonderful care, for His own. And then all of a sudden, what a contrast! Verse 11, His wonderful comfort, His care. While His mighty power is omnipotent. You say, well God just isn't going to give this comfort, this care. How can He do it? He couldn't even protect Jerusalem from Babylon. Jerusalem is gone. The temple is destroyed. We are subject to Babylon. How can God give this wonderful comfort? What's the answer? Verse 12.

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?" The omnipotent power of God. And you see how He goes from one theme to the other. And as one theme raises the question, He jumps to the other, to answer the question.