

Good morning! When I was growing up, our family was very focused on the news. We watched the news each night. We had four daily newspapers delivered to the house and read them all every day. We took so many magazines that our mailman eventually gave us an ultimatum -- get a larger mailbox or he would no longer deliver our mail! Today, with the internet and the way reporters are embedded everywhere, there is more news available to us than ever. We see political leaders, movie stars, musicians and internet sensations and they are all presented to us equally as "great". But are they great? I think we have a diminished view of greatness in our day. Is President Obama great? Is Donald Trump great? Are the Kardashians great? This morning, let's look together at someone who really *is* great:

God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them. He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing. They hardly get started, barely taking root, when he blows on them and they wither. The wind carries them off like chaff.

Isa. 40:22-24

I have always liked this passage. For one thing, in the ancient world, where everyone thought the world was flat, we have the Old Testament prophet Isaiah telling us that the world is round: "*God sits above the circle of the earth.*" I like it! Isaiah says that God sits above His creation and looks it over. Then he makes this wonderful comment: "*He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing.*" God is not impressed with any of our human greatness. We are not "great" to Him. Oh, don't get me wrong---He loves us and wants the best for us but He isn't impressed by you and me or by anything we might do. When compared to the majesty and glory of God, we are "like chaff". This morning, let me encourage you to take a fresh look at human beings (starting with yourself) and then take a fresh look at God. The greatest of our greatness is less than microscopic when compared to God. Make His praise glorious this morning. Everything about Him is mighty, wonderful, endlessly amazing, and great!