

# God's Extraordinary Power To Save Anyone Who Turns to Him

## Isaiah 45: 18–25

***God's power to save everyone  
within the nations who turn to Him***

- a. God's surety of salvation
- 1) His enormous power:  
Created the universe
  - 2) His purpose:  
Made the universe inhabited
  - 3) His Word:  
He speaks only the truth
    - He does not speak in secret but openly
    - He does not encourage people to seek Him in vain
- b. God's appeal to the people of all nations:  
To escape the coming judgment
- 1) To turn from their idols:  
They were only material objects and could not save them
  - 2) To acknowledge that He alone is God
    - He alone foretold the judgment (of Babylon) and the setting free of His people from captivity
    - He alone is God:  
A just God and a Saviour
  - 3) To look to Him and be saved:  
He alone is God and He alone can save

18 For this is what the LORD says —  
he who created the heavens, he is God;  
he who fashioned and made the earth,  
he founded it;  
he did not create it to be empty,  
but formed it to be inhabited — he says:  
“I am the Lord, and there is no other.

19 I have not spoken in secret,  
from somewhere in a land of darkness;  
I have not said to Jacob's descendants,  
‘Seek me in vain.’  
I, the Lord, speak the truth;  
I declare what is right.

20 “Gather together and come;  
assemble, you fugitives from the nations.  
Ignorant are those  
who carry about idols of wood,  
who pray to gods that cannot save.

21 Declare what is to be, present it —  
let them take counsel together.  
Who foretold this long ago  
who declared it from the distant past?  
Was it not I, the LORD?  
And there is no God apart from me;  
a righteous God and a Saviour;  
there is none but me.

22 Turn to me and be saved,  
all you ends of the earth;  
for I am God, and there is no other.

<p>c. God's warning to the people of all nations: A solemn threefold oath</p> <p>1) Every knee will bow and confess to Him: Applies to Christ, Rom 14:11-12; Phil 2:9-11</p> <p>2) Every person who opposes Him and lives an unrighteous life will face judgment: Be put to shame</p> <p>3) Every descendant of Israel (all true believers) will be declared righteous and enter glory with Him</p>	<p>23 By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.</p> <p>24 They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.</p> <p>25 But all the descendants of Israel will be find deliverance in the LORD and will make their boast in him.</p>
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# Set Free by Turning Away from Idolatry:

## A Study of Idolatry

### Isaiah 46:01–13

#### 1. *The fate of idolaters and their idols*

- a. They will be bowed down:  
Conquered by enemies
- b. They will be led into captivity:  
Unsaved by the false gods  
they worshipped

#### 2. *The contrasting fate of genuine believers*

- a. The LORD created them  
and will carry them  
from the womb to the grave
- b. The LORD will always sustain  
and carry them through all  
the trials and temptations of life

#### 3. *The powerlessness of false gods to save their worshippers*

- a. They are not like the LORD  
nor equal to the LORD
- b. They are only the creation  
of man's mind, thoughts, ideas
- c. They are only physical objects:  
They are made by mere man
- d. They are unable to help  
or sustain people in life:  
They have to be carried
- e. They cannot move (to guide,  
protect or provide for people)
- f. They cannot answer  
or save when called upon

- 1 Bel bows down,  
Nebo stoops low,  
their idols are borne by beasts of burden.  
The images that are carried about  
are burdensome,  
a burden for the weary.
- 2 They stoop and bow down together;  
unable to rescue the burden,  
they themselves go off into captivity.
- 3 "Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the people of Israel,  
you whom I have upheld since your birth,  
and have carried since you were born.
- 4 Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.
- 5 With whom will you compare me  
or count me equal?  
To whom will you liken me  
that we may be compared?
- 6 Some pour out gold from their bags  
and weigh out silver on the scales;  
they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god,  
and they bow down and worship it.
- 7 They lift it to their shoulders and carry it;  
they set it up in its place,  
and there it stands.  
From that spot it cannot move.  
Even though someone cries out to it,  
it cannot answer;  
it cannot save them from their troubles.

**4. *The strong appeal of God to idolaters (false worshippers)***

- a. Remember the powerlessness of your idols
- b. Remember God's works down through history: He has proven He is God
  - 1) He has revealed the truth, foretold important future events His purpose and plan will come to pass
  - 2) He will raise up a bird of prey — a world leader (Cyrus) — to fulfil His purpose: He will execute judgment upon idolaters and free His people (a picture of Christ's work)
- c. Listen to the LORD
  - 1) Because you are stubborn and unrighteous
  - 2) Because God is bringing His righteousness near
  - 3) Because God is ready to save Zion and to give His glory to Israel (all genuine believers)

8 Remember this,  
keep it in mind,  
take it to heart, you rebels.

9 Remember the former things,  
those of long ago;  
I am God, and there is none other;  
I am God, and there is none like me.

10 I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say 'My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please.'

11 From the east I summon a bird of prey,  
from a far-off land,  
a man to fulfil my purpose.  
What I have said, that I will bring about;  
what I have planned, that I will do.

12 Listen to me,  
you stubborn-hearted,  
you who are far now from my righteousness.

13 I am bringing my righteousness near,  
it is not far away;  
and my salvation will not be delayed.  
I will grant salvation to Zion,  
my splendour to Israel.