

Isaiah 45

The Lord is our Righteousness & Strength

There is none like God (44:28 – 45:8)

Calling Cyrus by name – **over 150 years before it came to be**

Choosing Cyrus to serve His chosen people (Revelation 17:17) – **He uses the wicked**

Confirming that He is God to all people (Joshua 2:11) – **Rahab's people were afraid**

Creator of:

Light & darkness (Genesis 1:4) – **He separates them (Eph. 5:8-11)**

Prosperity & disaster (Isaiah 26:3-4, 14-17) – **He offers both peace and discipline**

Righteousness & salvation (Philippian 3:9 / Hebrews 2:2)

He alone is the source of both

Those who question God (9-13)

Woe to those:

Who quarrel with their Maker (Psalm 2:1-6) – **Do we know better than Him?**

Who questions what He makes (Jeremiah 18:5-6 / Psalm 139:13-14)

Who give orders concerning His works – **We are made by and for Him (Eph 2:10)**

Will of God prevails – **it is wise to align ourselves with His will**

Cyrus will follow God's path (Acts 26:14) – **don't kick against the goads**

Cyrus will rebuild God's Temple (II Chronicles 36:23)

Those who trust in what is seen (14-17) – **why trust in the temporal? (II Cor. 4:18)**

They will see: - **every eye will see (Matthew 24:27, 30)**

That God is with His people (Zechariah 2:8-9; 12:2-3) – **the apple of His eye**

That there is no other God (II Kings 19:17-19 / Zechariah 12:10) – **call on Him**

The unseen God is real (I Peter 1:8-9) – **filling those who love Him with inexpressible joy**

He shames the makers of idols (Jonah 2:8) – **they forfeit His grace (Gal. 5:4)**

He saves His own with an everlasting salvation (John 6:39-40)

For all who come to Jesus

There is no other God (18-25)

He is our Creator (Colossians 1:15-17) – **all creatures beholden to Him**

He has spoken openly (John 18:20) – **are we listening?**

He speaks what is true (Proverbs 30:5-6) – **found in His flawless Word**

He foretold what was and is to come (Luke 21:32-33) – **count on what He prophesies**

He is our only Savior (John 14:6) – **there is no other way (Gal. 2:21)**

He will cause every knee to bow to Him (Philippian 2:9-11) – **better to bow now!**

He alone is our righteousness & strength (Romans 1:17; 3:21-22 / I Corinthians 1:30)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 45

Why does our God allow us to experience light and darkness, prosperity and disaster.?

(Deuteronomy 30:11-18) ***That our choosing would be made clear. (John 3:19-21)***

(I Peter 1:6-9) ***That our faith would prove genuine.***

(James 1:2-4) ***That our lives would be molded to be more like Jesus***

In what ways do people (including Christians) argue with God? What truths can turn our hearts to trust Him and believe that His ways are always best? ***When things don't go our way. When we see life as unfair***

(I John 3:1-3) ***To know His love***

(Ephesians 2:10; 3:10-13) ***To know His purpose for us***

(Jeremiah 29:11 / Romans 8:28-39) ***To know His plans for us***

How has the unseen God (John 4:24) shown Himself real in your life?

The evidence for the God of the Bible being the only true God is overwhelming. He has not hidden Himself nor His message from us. How then should we respond? (Ephesians 4:17-24)

We need to change our "clothes"

(Colossians 3:5-9) ***Remove the old self***

(Romans 12:2) ***Renew our minds***

(Colossians 3:12-14) ***Replace the old with the new (II Corinthians 5:17)***

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