

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time  
No Other God – Part 2  
Isaiah 45:1-25

When it comes to things like languages and musical instruments, we know that if we don't keep up with them, we will lose proficiency in them. We may even forget them entirely. There are lessons that we learn as children, but with the distractions of a busy life, we forget as adults. Sometimes we just need a reminder. Sometimes we need a refresher course. Sometimes, we need to start over completely and relearn what has been long forgotten.

1. The one, true God calls us by name.
  
2. The one true God reminds us of His power.
  
3. The one, true God invites the nations to come.
  
4. The one, true God offers the one, true salvation.

Isaiah 45 is a message of hope for the world, but it is a hope realized only by those who trust in God. If we believe and confess that God is the Creator of the heavens and earth, that he has spoken his plans and foretold the future, that God speaks the truth and accomplishes his promises, and that there is no other righteous God and Savior for humanity, then it is possible to turn to God and be saved. It doesn't matter who that person is, where that person is from, what their background is, or what they have thought or done in the past. A righteous God makes his salvation open to all.

Reflection

What does the fact that Isaiah the prophet mentioned Cyrus the Great by name more than a century before he was born teach you about God? What does it teach you about the Bible? What does this chapter teach us about God's initiative in salvation? Are there times in your life when Isaiah 45:9-10 would have convicted you? When are you tempted to argue with your Maker? What if anything needs to change as a result of that argument? How does this chapter move us to missions? Take some time to read through Isaiah 45:18-25 again think about how these themes are described elsewhere in Scripture. What significant truth do we discover when we compare Isaiah 45:23 with Philippians 2:10-11?