

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 103

Isaiah Chapter 46

Here is the outline of the whole chapter:

Verses 1-2	Bel has bowed down	Isaiah is speaking
Verses 3-4	“Listen to Me”	The LORD is speaking
Verses 5-7	“To whom will you liken Me?”	The LORD is speaking
Verses 8-11	“Remember this and be assured”	The LORD is speaking
Verses 12-13	“Listen to Me”	The LORD is speaking

Verse-by-verse

Verses 8-11: The LORD continues to address the remnant of the house of Israel. He makes it crystal clear that that they have transgressed His law. And He implores them to recall three things to mind:

- 1. Remember the former things long past.*
- 2. I am God and there is no other.*
- 3. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass.*

1. Remember the former things long past, Psalm 105.
2. I am God and there is no other, **Deuteronomy 32:36-41**.
 - a. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done: **Deuteronomy 17:14-15** (Saul & David); **28:36-37** (Assyria), **49-50** (Babylon), **64-68** (70 AD); **30:1-10** (2nd Coming).
 - b. “My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure”: **Psalm 33:6-12**.
 - c. Calling a man of My purpose from a far country: **Isaiah 41:1-4, 21-26; 45:1-7** (Cyrus).
3. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass, **Numbers 23:19**.

Verses 12-13: The Lord ends by repeating His command to listen to Him. He tells the house of Jacob that they are stubborn-minded, and far from righteousness. Yet He will bring His righteousness near, and grant salvation. **Isaiah 51:5-8, 56:1; 61:10-11; Jeremiah 23:5-6** (Messiah’s reign).

This is the good news of redemption. Only the Lord God can accomplish this. Salvation is from the Lord alone (**Jonah 2:9**). Righteousness is from the Lord alone (**Isaiah 45:8,24**). **Psalm 98:1-2**.

How does what we have learned in Isaiah 46 apply to our lives as Christians?

1. In our study of Isaiah 46, what are two ways that the Lord displayed His power to the nation of Israel? [hint: the Gog invasion, Elijah versus the prophets of Baal]
2. How does God demonstrate His power for us, believers during the church age? Hints: **Romans 1:16-17; 1 Cor 1:18; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 1:18-21; Colossians 1:9-12.**
3. The Israelites were led astray to worship Baal. As Christians, what dangers of being led astray do we face? **See Galatians 1:6-9; 2 Corinthians 11:1-4.**