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FRIDAY

OPEN

Honest question; give me an honest answer. Do you sometimes find yourself intimidated by the world? I mean you've put yourself in a certain setting and they are coming against God or they're swearing or they're talking about things that are just awful, just against the Word of God, degrading, immoral, blatant sin, and you find yourself ashamed to speak up. We'll talk about that today.

PART ONE

Wowee, we've got to make tracks. I've got to get us all the way through Isaiah 46 today. Remember, we're looking at nine truths about God and about our mind that will help us rewire or properly wire our mind with truth so that we can walk a powerful, powerful walk—so that we can live as more than a conqueror. Well I want to get right to it. We saw that number five, as we've looked at these nine things, that number 5 is: that God promises ultimate good. In other words, no matter what happens, if He creates good or

well-being or He creates adversity, he promises out of that will come ultimate good. And this is what He's showing them in Isaiah chapter 40 through 66. He's showing them the ultimate good that is going to come despite their captivity. He's showing them that they are going to be the city in the world, that they are going to be everything that God intended them to be as Jerusalem, and all the nations are gonna stream there. (See Isaiah 2:1) Well we saw that earlier. Now let's go to Isaiah 45, verse 17, because this is the verse that shows us that He's promises ultimate good. **"Israel has been saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation...."** "You're gonna go through trials, but I've got an everlasting salvation." **"...You will not be put to shame or humiliated to all eternity."** (Isaiah 45:17) Right now the Jews are despised. Right now we see anti-Semitism raising its head again. But there is a day coming when it's not going to be a shame to be a Jew, but it is going to be an honor to be a Jew. We'll see it. He says, **"For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it [He] did not create it a waste place, but [He] formed it to be inhabited...."** In other words, when God does something He does it right. He says, **"...I am the LORD, and there is [no other]."** (Isaiah 45:18) So once again He has reminded us of one of our points that: He alone is God, there is no other. (See Isaiah 44:8; 45:5) He has reminded us that: He is the Creator, the Maker of all things. (See Isaiah 44:24; 45:12) He promises ultimate good. (See Isaiah 45:6-7) He promises salvation. (See Isaiah 45:15) He promises that they will not be put to shame or humiliated or intimidated. (See Isaiah 45:17) All right now, the next thing that I want you to see is that they are not to be ashamed. They are not to be ashamed. They are not to be intimidated. The nations are gonna be ashamed, but Israel's not going to be ashamed. The nations are gonna be ashamed, but the church is not going to be ashamed. Well He's talking about Israel here, but there are the precepts and principles for life for us. Look at verse 19. He says, **"I have not spoken in secret, in some dark [place]...."** He says, **"...I**

did not say to the offspring of Jacob, [pssst, pssst] ‘Seek Me in a waste place’; I, the LORD, speak righteousness, declaring things that are upright.” (Isaiah 45:19) “I’ve got nothing to hide; nothing to hide. I didn’t say it in a back place,” wizards peep and they mutter. God doesn’t. He speaks in righteousness. He says, **“Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, you fugitives of the nations [you that are separated from Me]; they have no knowledge, who carry about their wooden idol and pray to a god that cannot save.”** (Isaiah 45:20) Remember He’s God; there is no other. And so He says [“All you nations, listen, you’re carrying around a wooden idol. You have to carry it. You are praying to it. It can’t save. It can’t rescue. I’m the only One that can do that.”] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 45:20) **“Declare and set for your case; indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? [And] who has long since declared it...?”** “Who tells you the future? Only Me.” He says, **“...Is it not I, the LORD...?”** He says, **“...There is no other God besides Me....”** He’s saying it over and over again, isn’t He? He says, **“...A righteous God and a Savior...;”** ultimate good. He says, **“...There is none except Me. Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth....”** (Isaiah 45:21-22) “Come on you nations carrying those wooden idols. Come on you fugitives.” He says “Come and turn to Me for I am God and there is no other.” **“Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth...I am God...there is no other. I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from...,”** from, **“...My mouth in righteousness and [I] will not turn [it] back....”** “Because what I’ve spoken is truth.” **“...That to Me...,”** listen very carefully, **“...every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.”** (Isaiah 45:22-23) You’re in a group, they’re talking, they’re downgrading you. They’re laughing about sin and they’re just in debauchery or in a human reasoning and they’re putting down God, or they’re putting down the principles and precepts of righteousness. Don’t be intimidated. Look at every single one of them. Listen to me very carefully. You can look

at every single one of them. You can look at every relative that takes you to task for being a Christian, you know, for believing that Bible. “My goodness, it was written by men” You can look at every one of them and know someday, “You’re gonna bow the knee. Someday you’re gonna confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father.” He says, **“...Every knee will bow...[and] swear allegiance.” (Isaiah 45:23)** He says it here. The cross-reference is Philippians chapter 2, verses 5 through 11 that **“...every knee will bow...and...every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord....”** That’s swearing allegiance. **“...To the glory of...the Father.” (Philippians 2:10-11)** So what is God saying? What is our sixth point? Our sixth point is, listen: don’t be ashamed. Don’t be ashamed. The nations will be ashamed. They will bow the knee. They will confess. Ultimately they’re going to do it. So when you’re in a situation like that, listen, you pray. You ask God for wisdom. You say, “Set a watch before my mouth. Keep the door of my lips. Let my speech be seasoned with salt. Let it be gracious words, but Lord, if You want me to speak, and I’m not casting my pearls before swine, but if You want me to speak I will speak and I will not be intimidated and I will not be ashamed. And when they come at me I’ll just look and think, “Yeah, you don’t know it, but someday you’re gonna bow the knee to the One that is my Savior, my Lord, my God: the one who gave me forgiveness of sins, the one that took me from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to the kingdom of God, the one that has given me an inheritance that will never fade away.” And you just look at them and you think that. **“They will say of Me, ‘Only...,’”** when they bow the knee in allegiance. **“They will say of Me, ‘Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.’ Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him will be put to shame.”** It says, **“In the LORD all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory.” (Isaiah 45:24-25)** I think, “O God, I love Israel. I have opportunities to speak to them. I go to Israel. I have Jewish friends, and I want to tell them, “Will you open the Bible to Isaiah? Will you

read it? Will you understand your future? Will you understand that you need to embrace the Word of God? You don't need to be ashamed. You don't need to bow down to the nations. Don't you know what God's Word says?" And they don't. Bless their hearts. They're trying to figure their way, the majority of them, out of their mess and keep the nations happy when the nations are going to bow before them. Well the next thing that I want you to see is this: God will never change. God will never ever change. Isaiah chapter 46, verse 1, **"Bel has bowed down...."** These are Gods. **"...Nebo stoops over; their images are consigned to the beasts and the cattle. The things that carry [them] are burdensome, a load for the weary beast."** (Isaiah 46:1) He takes the idols. They put them on this cart. Here's a beast that is carrying a god. Can you imagine? It says, **"They stooped over, they have bowed down together; they could not rescue the burden, but have [they have gone] themselves...into captivity."** (Isaiah 46:2) They take the idols of the nations, they put them on carts. Beasts carry them and they carry them into captivity. Oh my goodness! The irony of it all. He says, **"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been borne by Me from birth...."** (Isaiah 46:3) They're carrying these idols around and away in carts. "I have borne you from birth." Now listen, He's gonna show them, "I'm never gonna change, and I'm always going to be with you." So you want to put it down. Number seven: God will never change. He will always be with us. He says, **"Listen to Me, O house of [Israel], and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been borne by Me from birth and have been carried from the womb; even to your old age I will be the same...even to your graying [hairs] I will bear you...!"** (Isaiah 46:3-4) Now you may dye them, like I have done, and they may not see the gray, but we know it's there. Because if we've dyed our hair, we have to keep dyeing it because we see the gray roots. When you see those gray roots don't despise them. Just know this, Precious One, that God is there. He's saved you. He brought you to Himself.

You were borne of God. You were borne of the family of God. You've experienced the the second birth, so to speak, a physical birth—a spiritual birth. He's gonna carry you all the way, even to your graying years. We have more and you don't want to miss it. But we'll look at it in just a minute.

PART TWO

Isn't it wonderful to know that God is reliable? Don't you love what we're studying in Isaiah? Isn't it helping you? You know, I mean, get your act together, get your brain together. Wrap your brain about who God is so that you can order your life accordingly. I love it. Well Isaiah chapter 46, verse 3 and 4 what we have seen is this: that God will never change. God will never change. He is there to deliver. So He says in verse 4, **“Even to your old age I will be the same...even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it...I will carry you....”** I'm going to get you through this situation. I don't know what you're going through; I know what I'm going through. And He's saying, “I'm going to carry you. I'm going to get you through this situation. I'm not gonna leave you. I'm not gonna abandon you just because you're old and gray.” He says, **“...And I will bear you and I will deliver you.”** He says, **“To whom [will] you liken Me [to whom will you liken Me] and make Me equal and compare Me, that we [should] be alike?”** (Isaiah 46:4-5) “Is there anybody else like Me?” He says, **“Those who lavish gold from the purse and weigh silver on the scale [and] hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god....”** (Isaiah 46:6) A man comes in with what he's earned, the silver or the gold that he's accumulated. He weighs it out and he hires a man to make a god. It says, **“...Hire a goldsmith...he [will make] it into a god; they bow down [they even] worship it.”** (Isaiah 46:6) What they just bought. What they just hired made to order. **“They lift it upon the shoulder and carry it; they set it in its place and it stands there....”** (Isaiah 46:7) So they put that idol there and it just stands there. It can't move. It can get knocked down, but it can't

move. **“...It does not move from its place. Though one may cry to it....”**
“Help me idol! Help me idol.” **“...It [can’t] answer....”** It may have a mouth engraved on it, but it can’t speak. It says, **“...It cannot deliver him from his distress.” (Isaiah 46:7)** But God is there for you. God will never change. He is there to deliver you, but these idols, they cannot deliver you. Now what’s the eighth thing? The eighth thing is this: that God’s purpose will be accomplished. Are you going through a trial? It has a purpose. He creates good. He creates well-being. He creates adversity, calamity, He is the LORD that does all these things. There is a purpose in it. God has a plan, and His purpose will be accomplished. And remember this; it’s for your ultimate good, Precious One. So watch what He says here. Look at verse 8. **“Remember this, and be assured; recall it to mind, you transgressors.” (Isaiah 46:8)** Listen, you have transgressed My law. You have gone off My path. So I want you to remember this and I want you to bring it to mind. **“Remember the former things long past....” (Isaiah 46:9)** Remember what I’ve been doing. Remember who I am. Why are we studying the Old Testament? [Because the things that were written beforehand are written for our learning upon— our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come.] (PARAPHRASE 1 Corinthians 10:11) He says, **“Remember the former things long past...I am God...there is no other; I am God...there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.’” (Isaiah 46:9-10)** And it’s all right for God to accomplish His pleasure because His pleasure is better for you than your pleasure, because He desires your ultimate good and He knows how to get you there, because He wants you to behold Him. As you behold Him, as you study His Word you’re going to be transformed, as we saw at the beginning of this week, from glory to glory into the image of God. (See 2 Corinthians 3:18) That is great. He says, **“...My purpose will be established...I will accomplish all**

My good pleasure; calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country....” (Isaiah 46:10-11) And He’s speaking, He’s speaking about “Cyrus.” So you want to color this if you didn’t do this in— when you downloaded your free study guide by going to preceptsforlife.com. If you did not mark this, you want to mark it. He’s talking about Cyrus. He says, **“...Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned...[and]...I will do it.” (Isaiah 46:11)** I love— in fact I’ve memorized these verses. It says in verse 24 of Isaiah 14, **“The LORD of hosts has sworn..., ‘Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened...just as I have planned so it will stand.’” (Isaiah 14:24)** And this is what it goes on to say in verse 27: **“For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? As for His [outstretched] hand, who can turn it back?” (Isaiah 14:27)** Remember we saw that He is sovereign. Remember that no one can raise their puny hand and say to God, “What doesn’t thou?” because God’s in control of all the host of heaven—the good angels, the bad angels, the devil. He’s in control of all the inhabitants of the earth, as Daniel 4:34 and 35 says. So you can know this: because God is God, because there is no other, because His sovereignty rules over all, His purpose will be accomplished. And He does not move without purpose. Whatever you’re going through, whatever you’re experiencing, whatever you’re facing, if it’s good, if it’s hard, it has a purpose. So you need to relax and you need to: number nine. This is the ninth point. We made it. Don’t be stubborn-minded. Have you got it? Don’t dig in your heels. Don’t say, “I’m not gonna believe that. I’m sorry, God’s gonna have to prove it to me. I’m sorry, I walked out there and I said, ‘God if You’re God and you want me to believe in You then let me walk on water.’” I have a friend whose father said that, and he walked out into the ocean. He didn’t walk on water and he says, “See, there’s no God.” Listen, you don’t call the shots with God. God’s God; you’re man. He’s the potter, you’re the clay. You submit to Him. You take what the Word of God says and you conform your thinking, your brain, you

rewire your brain according to truth. Listen to what He says. **“Listen to Me, you stubborn-minded, who are far from righteousness. I will bring near My righteousness, it’s not far off; and My salvation will not delay....I will grant salvation in Zion, and My glory for Israel.” (Isaiah 46:12-13)**

Quit being stubborn. And that’s what I would say to a lot of Israeli leaders. Quit being stubborn. Submit to the Word of God. Believe Him. His purpose will be accomplished. And when you think you have to do it all, you are being stubborn-minded. You are going against the Word of God and He’s not happy with that. So Precious One, here it is, this week: What do you believe about God? Is your information accurate? If so, as you keep putting in this information and you keep acting on it you are restructuring, rewiring your brain so that you are going to walk in paths of righteousness for His namesake. You are going to know the strength, the power, the sufficiency of His grace, of His Spirit within you. And no matter what comes your way, Precious One, no matter what comes your way you can make it. You can make it. You can be steadfast. You can be immovable. You can be abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain and that He’s taking you from glory to glory into the likeness of Jesus. That’s awesome!