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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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Part 2

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Introduction to the Text: Isaiah 46:1-13

Psalm 115:1-8

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth. 2 Why should the Gentiles say, “So where is their God?” 3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men’s hands. 5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; 6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; 7 They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. 8 ***Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.***

The People end up having:

No Mouth, No Eyes, No Ears, No Nose, No hands, No Feet, No Voice.

“We always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap.”

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Things That Are Impossible

1.) Is that false worship cannot help you

vs. 1-4

Verse 1-4

1 **Bel** bows down, **Nebo** stoops; Their idols were on the beasts and on the cattle. Your carriages were heavily loaded, A burden to the weary beast. **2** They stoop, they bow down together; They could not deliver the burden, But have themselves - gone into captivity.

Then God Speaks and says...

3 "Listen to **Me**, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been **upheld** by **Me** from birth, who have been **carried** from the womb: (*brought out from*) **4** Even to your old age, **I am He**, and even to gray hairs **I will carry**) you!
(*saw-bal' – be pregnant over you or for you, with good until the end*)

And here is why He will do it for you – His way...

Verse 4b

I have made you,

Hebrew: aw-saw: to "think you forth" to "see you before you" ever existed.
To bring forth with intent, a determined plan, a specific purpose.
and **I will bear** you; even **I will carry** you, and **I will deliver** you.
(I say with heaviness of heart these days)

Psalm 139:1-18

O LORD, **You have** searched me and known me. **2 You know** my sitting down and my rising up; **You understand** my thought afar off. **3 You comprehend** my path and my lying down, And **You are acquainted** with all my ways. **4** For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, **You know** it altogether. **5 You have hedged** me behind and before, And **laid Your hand upon me**. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. **7** Where can I go from **Your Spirit**? Or where can I flee from **Your presence**? **8** If I ascend into heaven, **You are there**; If I make my bed in hell, behold, **You are there**. **9** If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **10** Even there **Your hand shall lead me**, And **Your right hand** shall hold me. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; **12** Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. **13** For **You formed** my inward parts; **You covered** me in my mother's womb. **14** I will

praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 **Your eyes saw** my substance, being yet unformed. And in **Your book** they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are **Your thoughts toward me**, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still **with You**.

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2.) Is that man-made gods will always fail you

vs. 5-7

Verse 5-7

“To whom will you **liken Me**, and **make Me equal** and **compare Me**, that we should be **alike**?

(**alike** = daw-maw; consideration, imagination, thought, image, likeness, idol)
There is none like God. He has declared himself to be alone in his deity.

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, So then someone will ask, “why are you Christians so obsessive about Jesus?” And that is the **ultimate question** and the **answer is equally** -- “**Ultimate**”

John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:17-18

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

John 10:30

“I and My Father are one.”

This would be the apex of political **incorrectness**

“that we (all the god’s, all the beliefs, all the spirituality) should be alike?”

!!! Impossible !!!

Church Family - Here’s a Warning for Us all;
Universalism, Globalism, Ecumenicalism, This “One World, One Faith,
Let’s all Unite” is exactly what is ushering in a “One World Church”

The Great Apostasy of the Last Days

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in Latter Times **some will depart** from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and **doctrines of demons**

“Most often, this will happen in a church in very subtle increments.

- (1) The value and prominence of the Bible is allowed to fade.
- (2) Entertainment begins to replace worship and praise.
- (3) “Felt needs” becomes the mission of the church.
- (4) The church and the world will look alike.
- (5) It’s “pastors” will begin to feed themselves at the lambs expense.”

Acts 20:29-31

For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Verse 6-7

6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the scales; They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; They prostrate themselves, yes, they worship. **7** They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it and set it in its place, and it stands; from its place it shall not move. Though one cries out to it, yet it cannot answer nor save him out of his trouble.

Idolatry’s Evolution

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is **revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress** the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be **known** of God is manifest in them, for God has **shown** it to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being **understood** by the things that are made, even His eternal

power and Godhead, so that they are **without excuse**, 21 because, although they **knew** God, they did not **glorify** Him as God, nor were thankful, but became **futile** in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were **darkened** . 22 **Professing** to be wise, they became **fools**, 23 and **changed** the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man and birds and fourfooted animals and creeping things.

R. Kent Hughes writes,

“Creation reveals the existence of a God who presides in majestic, transcendent, sustaining power. It also reveals the infinite distance between us (the creatures) and Him (the Creator). “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.” The word “plain” means manifest. This is not a secret, covert revelation. There is no need for a Diogenes with his lamp. You do not have to be an intellectual. All can understand as much as they need to know. “They are without excuse.” Atheist Bertrand Russell, who dismisses the existence of God is without excuse and so is the cabbie who has never read a book in his life. The truth is, it takes a concerted act of the will to deny that a vastly powerful God made and sustains His Creation. If one is not at least searching after God, he or she is suppressing the truth. The first distinctive of the anatomy of unbelief, then, is the suppression of the truth. The second is a perversion of the truth. “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.” From this we learn how the perversion of idolatry initially came about. “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God. . .” Meaning there was a time when idol-worshippers saw God as majestic, transcendent, all-powerful, infinitely greater than themselves. However, though they understood this, they chose to not honor him but instead worshiped images like themselves. They refused to worship God for who He is and went about to reduce Him to their own level through idolatry. They minimized, redefined, rationalized the vast chasm between the creature and the Creator.

This resulted in a progressively degenerating idolatry of reducing God from His rightful place in creation. “Their foolish hearts were darkened.” This is significant because “heart” is a comprehensive term for all of man’s faculties. Not only was their moral judgment darkened, but their intellect and reasoning powers suffered also. The magnificent idea of God as revealed in Nature was lost to them. The tragedy of idolatry is that it falls infinitely short of giving its worshippers any idea of what God is really like! “Claiming to be wise, they became fools.” The root word for “fools” is the same root from which we derive our word moron. This is an ugly term that refers not so much to one’s intellect as to his or her moral condition. This reality portrays the progressive degeneration that the perversion of idolatry brings. First they worshiped an image of a man, second birds, then quadrupeds, and ultimately reptiles—crawling things. You cannot go any lower than this.”

We are about to hear from God Himself as to how you can know that He is Real and True vs. all other deities that are man-made fabrications and propagators of falsehood.

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3.) Is that the God of the Bible knows what's next vs. 8-10

Verse 8-9a

8 “Remember this, and **show** yourselves men; **Recall** to mind, O you transgressors. **9 Remember** the former things of old,

“Remember the former things of old.”
((going back can be good IF you do it right))

HIS-STORY

“History is the devil’s enemy and he is devoted to rewriting it and revising it because history proves that he always loses.”

Verse 9b-10

For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **10** Declaring (heb.) the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, “My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,”

I know that to the human eye,
it looks like there is no hope for the world.
And that it doesn't look like God is at work right now, but He's on the move.

“I will do all My pleasure”

The all prevailing Attribute, Nature, Personal Characteristic of **God is Love**. His pleasure is to relate and to reveal His love toward His creation (you and I).

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4.) Is that salvation is available to the worst of us vs. 11-13

Verse 11-13

11 Calling a **bird of prey** from the east { some say Cyrus, Some Jesus }, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have **spoken** it; I will also **bring it** to pass. I have **purposed** it; I will also **do it.** **12** “Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, who are far from righteousness: **13 I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger** and I will place **salvation in Zion**, For Israel My glory.

God gives a man life then that man turns on God, and attributes his life's existence to a man-created deity or even worse – a collective, evolutionary accident godlessness - - that is responsible for creating absolute order and perfection throughout the universe and beyond.

Grab Hold of This. Grab Hold of Him.

“Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who are far from righteousness: I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger.”

The Lord will perform all that is Impossible.

Romans 11:1-12

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, 3 “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? 4 But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. :7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day.” :9 And David says: “Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. 10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always.” :11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

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Luke 18:24-27

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! **25** For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." **:26** And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" **:27** But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

**If you want Justice, you might want to reconsider.
If you want Equality, you might want to reconsider that to.
If you want Fairness, you might want to stop now.**

With all due respect – Salvation is anything but Justice, Equality or Fairness.
There is nothing fair about God paying your bills (sin).

So what are we to take away from this?

My answer is seemingly insignificant on the surface. It might even seem ridiculous. It most definitely will feel insufficient. But it's all true.

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6** Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **:7** Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Psalm 32:10b-11

But he who **trusts** in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. **11** Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**What Are Those Things That Are Impossible In
Your Life Right Now?**

End of Study