

The Gospel According to Isaiah
From **RUIN** To **REDEMPTION**



“The Trial of the False gods.”

(Who or What is your Everything?)

November 9, 2025

Text: Isa 41-48

Sermon Series: “From Ruin to Redemption.”

Pastor Dave Hentschel

Introduction: Who or What is your “Everything”?

“Set forth your case, says the Lord; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.” (Isa 41:21, ESV)

I. The Case against the False “gods.”

“These other gods whom the idols represent are merely reflections of humanity. There are attempts to glorify human beings, but in fact they only magnify the essential helplessness of our species. They are unable to explain the past or predict the future; they cannot affect the present in any meaningful way because the gods do not transcend this world. They are continuous of it and expressions of it. Therefore, they did not make it and cannot control its destiny. They are helpless participants in the system. Isaiah represents this by saying that the gods know neither how the world began nor how it will end. God is not so; he is other than this system. As such he is qualified to be its Maker, Sustainer, Director, and Judge. Thus he is able to explain the past and to foretell the future. The gods being contingent, cannot do a new thing, such as delivering from exile, but God can. They are doomed to mere repetition of the natural cycles, but God is free to do anything, even something brand new, to serve His sovereign, faithful purposes.” (Oswalt, Isaiah, vol I, p 34).

“The human heart is a factory of idols.” (John Calvin)

II. The Case for the One true God.

- Exhibit A. Yahweh’s ability to Create.
- Exhibit B. Yahweh’s ability to Predict the Future.

III. The Application for us today.

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*“Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.*

*By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
‘To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.’
(Isa 45:22-23, ESV)*

Isaiah Memory Verse:

**But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1, ESV)**

Isaiah Scripture Reading Plan

- **Monday:** Isaiah 41-42
- **Tuesday:** Isaiah 43-44
- **Wednesday:** Isaiah 45-46
- **Thursday:** Isaiah 47-48

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