**Isaiah**

*How is God Going to Deliver?*

*Isaiah 45*

Background

* Before the Babylonian captivity
* 150 years before Cyrus

God is Sovereign Over Kings (v 1 – 6)

God is Sovereign Over All (v 7 – 10)

* Verse 7
  + Barnes: create evil—not moral evil (Jas 1:13), but in contrast to "peace" in the parallel clause, war, disaster (compare Ps 65:7; Am 3:6).
    - Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (James 1:13)
    - Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. (Psalms 65:7)
    - Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*? (Amos 3:6)
  + Note: verse 7 represents God’s ownership and authority over all. Everything goes through His hand. Another word for evil is judgment. Judgment is only necessary because evil exists.
* Verse 10 – God determines our gender. Who are we to question it?

God is True to His Promises (v 11 – 15)

* For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. (Is 43:3)

Following God is Never in Vain (v 16 – 19)

God is Calling – Bow Now or Bow Later (v 20 – 25)

* 10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written, *As* I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (Rom 14:10-11)
* 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; (Phil 2:9-10)