

God saves sinners: God's Glory

Main Point: God alone can save sinners and He does so in a way that brings Him the most glory.

- **God is glorified in His comfort (Vs 1-11)**
 - God's comfort is threefold (Vs 1-2):
 - God will end their warfare;
 - military service language
 - God's time of discipline on them would end and they would soon come home in relief
 - God will pardon their iniquity;
 - This is an introduction; the means of pardon is explained in later chapters
 - God pardons His people in Christ, who bears their iniquities and brings pardon (Is 53.11)
 - God will give double mercy for all her sins
 - God is merciful in a "large and abundant" way = "double"
 - Romans 5.6-11 or Isaiah 53
 - We were weak, ungodly, sinners, enemies
 - But God loved us, sent Christ to die for us, justified us, reconciled us
 - God's comfort is announced by three voices
 - **Voice 1:** God is glorified in His promised intervention (Vs 3-5)
 - God is coming to save His people:
 - Prepare the way for the LORD by trusting and waiting
 - He is coming to save and nothing will stop Him
 - If there is a valley, it will be raised level
 - If there is a mountain or hill, it will be removed and made passable
 - If there is rough terrain, it will be smoothed
 - Nothing will impede His arrival in saving His people, not even mighty Babylon
 - His glory is revealed in His coming; the very fullness of His personal presence
 - It is not only for the saving of Judah from Babylon, but for all flesh (Is 49.6)
 - God's revealed glory is the primary purpose of saving sinners
 - **Voice 2:** God is glorified in His faithful promises (Vs 6-8)
 - Man is weak
 - Mighty Babylon (or any nation) is unable to deter God from delivering His people
 - Judah is unable to save herself
 - God's Word is enduring and faithful
 - Only God can save sinners
 - He will save as He promised (Numbers 23.19)
 - **Voice 3:** God is glorified in His powerful Gospel (Vs 9-11)
 - God's people are commanded to proclaim the Gospel
 - Powerful Arm: In power God saves sinners and shares the rewards
 - Caring Arm: In gentleness God saves sinners and cares for them
- **God is glorified in His character (12-31)**
 - BEHOLD YOUR GOD!!!
 - He saves sinners because He is the only one able to save sinners
 - Behold your God
 - He measures the waters in His hand (All of Earth's water (oceans, icecaps and glaciers, lakes, rivers, ground water, and water in the atmosphere put into a sphere, then the diameter of that water ball would be about 860 miles across)
 - He marks off the heavens
 - He encloses the dust of the earth in a measure
 - He weighs the mountains

- Behold your God
 - He Himself is immeasurable
 - No one can counsel Him
 - He never had to learn
 - Behold your God
 - The greatest power any nation has ever been able to yield is nothing to Him
 - The nations are a drop from a bucket
 - The best we can offer to Him isn't even sufficient to what He deserves
 - Behold your God
 - He sits enthroned above the earth
 - We are as grasshoppers in His eyes
 - Our greatest rulers who ever lived are only there because He placed them there
 - Behold your God
 - He is incomparable
 - He governs the limitless universe we can only observe
 - He is everlasting, Creator
 - He never becomes tired or exhausted
 - Behold your God, who saves sinners
 - You are in desperate need of Him because He alone can save you
 - You bring nothing to the table and are unable to save yourself
 - Wait for the LORD, trust in Him
- Illustration: Team Hoyt
- **Application**
 - Glorify God:
 - Rejoice in His character
 - Proclaim His Gospel
 - Trust and wait