

# God of Space and Time

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Isaiah 44-48.
- B. Man can never truly receive what he wants by himself—peace on this planet.
- C. It only comes through God when man acknowledges His need. (Matthew 6)

## II. God will indeed pour water upon the thirsty today.

- A. This is grace.
- B. God makes His promises to the losers.
- C. Only God has the key to help the broken in spirit.

## III. Who this God is.

- A. He is in every respect greater than everything is.
- B. You cannot have pride and know God.

## IV. The idolater is deluded and cannot deliver himself.

- A. Our society is given over to idol worship even though we do not have wooden idols.
- B. Automobiles and sex are examples of idols today that leave man unsatisfied.
- C. God's love is reaching out to those entrapped by such things.

## V. Cyrus is named before he is born as redeemer.

- A. This is amazing because he is a follower of Zoroaster.
- B. He is commissioned to rebuild the temple in that city.
- C. We are encouraged that God is in full control of the forces of earth.

## VI. It is arrogance for human beings to criticize the workings of God when He is in full control.

- A. To argue with God is to argue with the very power that made it possible for you to argue.
- B. Man is pitiful compared to God and His work in nature.
- C. Man's folly.

1. He thinks he is fully in control.
2. He gives himself to the control of a secondary force—some idol.
3. Both mistakes result in slavery and human agony.
4. Right becomes whatever is convenient for man.

VII. God's answer: salvation.

- A. God swears by the greatest power in the universe—Himself.
- B. God exalted Jesus our salvation, the whole thrust of the universe. (Philippians 2)

VIII. The cult practices are futile.

IX. Behind the judgments of God is a loving heart seeking to redeem man.

X. There is no peace for the judged because they have turned away from the only source of peace they have—God.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is pride so dangerous in light of who God is?

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2. What are some examples of modern idols that we face? With what idols do you struggle?

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3. What is the result of man questioning his Creator? Why is this so dangerous?

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