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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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The Grandeur Of God

1.) Is seen in His faithfulness

vs.1-5

Verse 1-2

“**Comfort, yes, comfort My people!**” Says your God. 2 “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.”

Here is the Question: To whom is the Lord speaking to here?

“**Comfort, yes, comfort My people!**” Says your God. 2

“**Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her.**”

Romans 11:11-15

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! :13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may **provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.** 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will (how much more) their acceptance be but life from the dead?

“**Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her.**”

Listen Up Church;

The true Christian is to (1) **comfort** Israel – *not boycott it.*

The true Christian is to (2) **cry out** to Israel – *not replace it with the church.*

Revelation 3:9a

Indeed I will make those of **the synagogue of Satan,**
who say they are Jews and are not, but lie...

Verse 3

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.
The Ministry of Elijah & **John the Baptist**."

Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness** shall arise With **healing in His wings**; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on **The Day** that I do this," Says the LORD of hosts. 4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all **Israel**, With the statutes and judgments. 5 **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD**. 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

The People had Questions – **The Leadership Deceived Them**

John 1:19-23

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" :20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." :21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." :22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" :23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Next, His justice will be perfectly fair and right...

Verse 4-5

4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; 5 **The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together**; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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2.) Can be realized in Him alone

vs. 6-8

Verse 6-8

6 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass,
And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the
flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people
are grass. 8 **The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.**"

**We will not, we cannot last long in this world.
But His word to us is forever. What is His word to us?**

"The word of our God stands forever"

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3.) Is witnessed at His invitation

vs. 9-11

Verse 9

O **Zion**, You who bring **good tidings**, **GET UP** into the high mountain; O
Jerusalem, You who bring **good tidings**, **LIFT UP** your voice with strength,
LIFT IT UP, be not afraid; **SAY to the cities** of Judah, "**Behold your God!**"

"Behold your God!"

It was always God's plan to use His people Israel. The LORD desired that
His chosen ones to be the voice of the gospel. Sadly, By the time Jesus
Christ had come, Israel was not only under the rule of the Roman Empire,
worse than that, Israel was under the rule of false shepherds, false teachers
who had blinded the people from knowing the truth.

"Tragically, Jesus rebuked them saying;
You are the blind, leading the blind."

Acts 13:44-48

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45
But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting
and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and
Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be
spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and **judge yourselves unworthy of
everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.** 47 For so the Lord has commanded us:

"I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,

That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

:48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the
Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Isaiah 49:6

Indeed He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; **I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles**, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

Isaiah 11:10

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; **For the Gentiles shall seek Him**,

○ **Zion**, You who bring **good tidings**, **Get up** into the high mountain;
This will be fulfilled in time – Revelation Chapter 7 and the 144,000 Jewish Witnesses of the 7 Year Tribulation Period, Succeed

Verse 10-11

10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, (at the 2nd Coming) And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. (salvation) **11** He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And shall gently lead those that are with young.

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4.) Can be seen in what He has shown us vs. 12-17

Verse 12a

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,

so what do we see?

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Verse 12b

He **measured** heaven with a span

so what do we see?

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Verse 12c

and He **calculated** the dust of the earth in a measure.

so what do we see?

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Verse 12d

He **weighed** the mountains in scales

so what do we see?

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And the hills in a **balance**

so what do we see?

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He even weighed out Chino Hills just the way He wanted it

Verse 13-17

13 Who has **directed** the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His **counselor** has **taught** Him? 14 With whom did He take **counsel**, and who **instructed** Him, And **taught** Him in the path of justice? Who **taught** Him knowledge, And **showed** Him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before Him are as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.

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5.) Is His personality and Being

vs. 18-20

18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him? 19 The workman molds an image, The goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And the silversmith casts silver chains. 20 Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution Chooses a tree that will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman To prepare a carved image that will not totter.

There is Great Comfort in Creating a god That Approves of You.

- (1) A god that is ok with your lust and pride and anger and hate and evils.
- (2) A god like this is convenient and open minded, never critical or judgmental.
- (3) This kind of god is always changing to fit my whims and desires. (4) This kind of god accepts everything and anything so long as I approve of it.
- (5) My kind of god never gets in the way of me living my life.

Matthew 7:20-27

Therefore by their fruits you will know them. :21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ :24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and **does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. :26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and **does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

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6.) Can be pondered forevermore

vs. 21-24

Verse 21-22

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? **22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth**, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, **Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain**, And **spreads them out like a tent to dwell in**.

Verse 23-24

23 He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless
24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

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The Greatness of Man – *is as a vapor of smoke*

“The Men Who Built America” series

But where are these men today? Who are these men to you?

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Excuse me but, Who said this?

A carpenter from Nazareth, a teacher from Galilee...

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7.) Is obvious to all who will see

vs. 25-26

25 “To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. **26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things,** Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. “**Lift up your eyes** on high, And see **WHO** has created these things”

Job 26:7-8

He **stretches** (kneads, pushes and pulls) out the north over empty space; He **hangs** (float, suspend, hold) the earth on nothing. **8 He binds up** (ties together. Bundles) the water in His thick clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken (burst or fall down) under it.

NASA Telescope Reveals Largest Batch of Earth-Size, Habitable-Zone Planets Around Single Star

<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-telescope-reveals-largest-batch-of-earth-size-habitable-zone-planets-around>

Hey, Let's Make Em' Earth Like

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Romans 1:20

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,

If you're not a Christ-creator follower you are without excuse,

Psalm 19:1-5

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. **2** Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. **3** There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. **4** Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, **5** Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. **6** Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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8.) Can be depended upon daily

vs. 27-31

Verse 27

Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: *“My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God”?*

Don't Lose Hope – The LORD knows and He See's

Verse 28-29

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. **29** He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

Verse 30-31

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 **But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.**

!!! Come Upon Us Dear Holy Spirit - Come !!!

_____ **End of Study** _____

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