

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Right Response to The Sovereignty of God

Isaiah 45

October 23, 2016

Sermon Text	Sermon Outline
<p>Isaiah 45:1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: [2] "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, [3] I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. [4] For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. [5] I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, [6] that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. [7] I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things. [8] "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the Lord have created it. [9] "Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'? [10] Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman, 'With what are you in labor?'" [11] Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: "Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands? [12] I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. [13] I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways level; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward," says the Lord of hosts. [14] Thus says the Lord: "The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours; they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will plead with you, saying: 'Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides him.'" [15] Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. [16] All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. [17] But Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity. [18] For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other. [19] I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right. [20] "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. [21] Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. [22] "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. [23] 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.' [24] "Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. [25] In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."</p>	<p>God reveals the truth of His absolute sovereignty to provoke His people to trust and worship Him.</p> <p>I. God's sovereignty over rulers (1-11)</p> <p>II. God's sovereignty over nations (12-19)</p> <p>III. The right response to God's sovereignty (20-25)</p>

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
<p>1. Why do you think many Christians have a negative reaction to the doctrine of God's absolute sovereignty?</p>	<p>This week our family will lift up requests for:</p>
<p>2. How does knowledge of God's sovereignty over rulers and nations help inform your view of the world?</p>	
<p>3. Discuss this statement in chapter 5 of the Westminster Confession: As the providence of God does, in general, reach to all creatures; so, after a most special manner, it takes care of His Church, and disposes all things to the good thereof.</p>	<p>This week our family will praise the Lord for:</p>
<p>4. Discuss Pastor Tony's two statements: Rather than praying for an easier time of things, our right desire and prayer should be for God to give us renewed humility before Him and trust in His rule. We should react to the times asking God to give us grace, endurance, and faithfulness to the gospel no matter the time in which we live.</p>	<p>HFG Notes & Actions:</p>
<p>5. Discuss the right response to God's sovereignty based on Isaiah 45:22-23.</p>	<p>Next HFG meeting is:</p>