

## An Issue of Trust

Isaiah 41

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Homework: 45-46

41:1-7 Confrontation: God vs. the World (Choose well.)

- 1 – Call: Time to Step Up
- 2-4 WHO? – Who rules the world?
  - 2-3 How do we see human history? Random Chaos/ Sovereign Plan
  - 4 Who is behind human history? I am he! (Isaiah 46:4)
- 5-7 The human approach for control
  - Universal nervousness – the desire to control all outcomes.
  - Collective security (brotherhood of fear)
  - Need for spiritual power – use of idols. (See Isaiah 44:16-17)

41:8-20 Three pictures: Guaranteed consolations (Transformation!)

- Picture #1 - Servant/ Slave – A person without position or rights (8-13)
  - Note: A great Master!
  - Problem: The mounting tide of hostility
  - Solution (Part A) Hostile forces disappear!
  - Solution (Part B): God help us! (And He does!)
- Picture #2 - Worm – Lowest of the low (14-16)
  - Problem: Impossible barriers – mountains and hills!
  - Solution: The mountains will become dust in the wind...
  - Result: Worship the LORD!
- Picture: #3 – Wilderness/ Desert (17-20)
  - Problem: Killer conditions -no water!
  - Solution: Nature transformed
  - Result: They will see and know!

41:21-29 Idol Confusion and God's Sovereignty

- 21-24 The Inability of Idols
- 25-28 The LORD'S Word
- 29 Conclusion – The idols only whistle in the wind!

Key: Can our Father be trusted in a world of superior powers, colossal difficulties, and adverse circumstances?

Application: What are you facing?

- Just a slave – Superior powers
- High Mountains – Colossal difficulty
- Adverse circumstances – Wilderness/Desert