

**God is our
ultimate security.**

isaiah 45:20–25

- an invitation (v22)
- an assurance (v23)
- a warning (v24)
- a promise (v25)

An Invitation: God wants you. (v22)

“Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth...”

An Assurance: we can be confident (v23)

“Before me every knee will bow”

... Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

An Assurance: we can be confident (v23)

“Before me every knee will bow”

A Warning: nothing else can save us (v24)

**“In the LORD alone
are deliverance and strength.”
All who have raged against him
will come to him and be put to shame.**

A Warning: nothing else can save us (v24)

Idolatry is putting our trust and hope in something **other** than the real God.

A Warning: nothing else can save us (v24)

“In the day to day trenches of adult life, there is no such thing as atheism. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.”



David Foster-Wallace

A Warning: nothing else can save us (v24)

“One has only the choice between God and idolatry. If one denies God . . . one is worshiping some things of this world in the belief that one sees them only as such, but in fact, though unknown to oneself, imagining the attributes of Divinity in them.”



Simone Weil

A Warning: nothing else can save us (v24)

“Such a person feeds on ashes”

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All who have raged against him
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A Promise: deep & everlasting security (v25)

But all the descendants of Israel
will find deliverance in the LORD
and will make their boast in him.

A Promise: deep & everlasting security (v25)

But Israel will be saved by the LORD
with an everlasting salvation;
you will never be put to shame or disgraced,
to ages everlasting.

A Promise: deep & everlasting security (v25)

**But all the descendants of Israel
will find deliverance in the LORD
and will make their boast in him.**

- The invitation: God wants you.
- The assurance: You can be confident.
- The warning: Your shame is washed away.
- The promise: You are totally secure.