



Today's Message

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Title: *The Eternal God and His Decree*

Text: Isaiah 46:8–11

⁸“Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
⁹remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,’
¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man of my counsel from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it.

Introduction: The prophet Isaiah spoke to the nation of Israel in desperate times. He foretold judgment from God and then saw it fall with great destruction. He called the survivors to turn to God in repentance and hope in the promises of the sovereign God. He assured his hearers that those things that befell them were designed by the God of history.

Today's take-home truth: The sovereign God is worthy of your trust; hope is found in no other.

I. Remember the story of God's works in history. 8-9a

- A. Memory frees us from the grip of unbelief. 8a
- B. Memory shakes off the influence of idolatry. 8b
- C. Memory rehearses God's story. 9a

II. The story displays the sovereign God. 9b-11

- A. Our sovereign God has no rivals. 9b-c
- B. Our sovereign God has planned everything. 10-11
 - 1. By sovereign decree, he planned the details of history (divine will). 10a-b
 - 2. With unassailable wisdom, he accomplishes his plan (divine wisdom). 10c-d
 - 3. Through mysterious providence, he moves the will of man (divine action). 11a-b
- C. Our sovereign God will do everything he has planned. 11c-d