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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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1.) Is seen in His faithfulness

vs.1-5

Verse 1-2

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

Here was the Question from Last Time:
To whom is the Lord speaking to here?

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. :2a **“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her.** (*Elijah, John and the Gentile world*)... :2b That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.” :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. 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. 6-7

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.”

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3.) Is witnessed at His invitation

vs. 9-11

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!**” **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.

And here is where we left off...

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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, He **measured** heaven with a span and He **calculated** the dust of the earth in a measure. He **weighed** the mountains in scales And the hills in a **balance**.

I believe that, as we get further along into The Last Days,

That God is revealing Himself more and more than at any other time
in human history - - big statement I know, but listen...

**The great and awesome miracles that God did for Israel
we're localized to Israel and/or the Jews People.**

But today, we can pick up an electron-microscope and travel

into a universe of an invisible world of design and engineering and purpose
never before seen and all of it demands intelligence.

The More We Exercise the Laws of Science –

The More Science Demands an Answer, Because Science Can Only Tell Us
How Something Works – Not **Why** It Works.

Psalm 19:1-3

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.

Romans 1:18-22

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **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, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Again...12

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, He **measured** heaven with a span and He **calculated** the dust of the earth in a measure. He **weighed** the mountains in scales And the hills in a **balance**.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? **Who** has gathered the wind in His fists? **Who** has bound the waters in a garment? **Who** has established all the ends of the earth? What is His **name**, and what is His **Son's** name, If you know?

Colossians 1:13-16

He (*The Father*) has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the **Son of His love**, 14 in **whom** we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. **He** is the image of the invisible God, the **Firstborn** over all creation. **16a** For by **Him** all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible... :**16c** All things were created through **Him** and for **Him**.

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has in these last days spoken to us by His **Son**, **whom He** has appointed heir of all things, through **Whom** also **He** made the worlds;

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Can be seen in what He has shown us

Verse 13

:**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 (*Lebanon's vast forests*), 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.

We're to be educated for that kind of idol-worship. We have replaced that stuff with the religion of "us". It is the worship of "Me" That has become the new idols of our day.

The Deity of Man

I think there is no greater proof of that, than our modern day forms of government as seen in the earth.

Romans 1:23-24

and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **:24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Human Self-Government Has Become Our God

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

- (1) man-made gods are ok with your lust, pride, anger and indulgences.
- (2) man-made gods are conveniently and open minded, never critical.
- (3) man-made gods are always changing to fit our whims and desires.
- (4) man-made gods are accepting of everything and anything we approve of.
- (5) man-made gods are never getting in the way of me living for me.

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."

It's Amazing to See What Someone's Social Media Site
Reveals About Themselves....

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6.) Can be pondered forevermore vs. 21-24

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**. **23** He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of (California) 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.

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

History Channel “**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, (are tired of trying to be great. Trying to figure it all out, never being about to relax) 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.

Job 38:2-4, 31-33

“Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? **3** Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. :**4** “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. :**31** “Can you direct the movement of the stars - - binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? **32** Can you direct the constellations through the seasons or guide the Bear with her cubs across the heavens? **33** Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth?”

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Is obvious to all who will (are willing to) see

<http://www.iflscience.com/space/xshaped-structure-of-stars-spotted-at-the-center-of-themilky-way/>

http://hubblesite.org/image/68/news_release/1992-17

Bible Moon Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfmtFO2eAag>

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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 Sees

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...**

Wait to be bound together. To be woven or weaved together by twisting)

31 Shall renew their strength;

Renew to exchange quickly, to spring up, sprout forth, to grow up and away.

31 They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

Mount up to ascend above or over by being lifted up. to rise upward as an eagle. to soar over and above.

31 They shall run and not be weary,

Run to run with haste, with purpose with the goal in sight.

31 They shall walk and not faint.

Walk to walk when all others have faded away. to walk alone, to keep moving forward. to not stop.

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who **walks not** in the counsel of the ungodly, **Nor stands** in the path of sinners, **Nor sits** in the seat of the scornful; **2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Plodders never stop. they don't often move fast, But
they are always moving forward. They keep on going with Jesus. If they stumble, they get up and move even closer to Jesus. If they achieve some great achievement, they don't dwell on it, they just keep moving !

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

End of Study

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