

Isaiah 45:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Analysis

The gospel invitation: 'Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.' The Hebrew 'panah' (look/turn) indicates a turning of attention, allegiance, and trust. Salvation comes by looking to God - not by works, rituals, or merit. The scope is universal: 'all the ends of the earth.'

Historical Context

This remarkable verse extends salvation beyond Israel to all nations. It anticipates the Great Commission and the gospel's worldwide proclamation. Spurgeon called this the verse that led to his conversion.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does it mean simply to 'look unto' God for salvation?

2. How does this universal invitation shape your understanding of mission?

Interlinear Text

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Look	H413	unto me and be ye saved	H3605	all the ends	of the earth	H3588	H589
H6437		H3467		H657	H776		
ל	אֵל	יְיָ יְיָ	עוֹד:				
for I am God		H369	H5750				
H410							

Additional Cross-References

John 6:40 (Parallel theme): And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Micah 7:7 (Salvation): Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Hebrews 12:2 (References God): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Zechariah 12:10 (Parallel theme): And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

2 Chronicles 20:12 (References God): O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

Isaiah 45:21 (Salvation): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that

time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Titus 2:13 (Salvation): Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Isaiah 49:6 (Salvation): And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Psalms 65:5 (Salvation): By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

2 Peter 1:1 (Salvation): Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

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