



LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH: SERMON SERIES HANDOUT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 41:21-29

Anchor Verse: *Isaiah 41:26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.*

CHAPTER EIGHT: THERE IS NO OTHER.

Introduction: The Courtroom Reopens

Isaiah 41 closes with the idols themselves called to the witness stand. The Lord demands evidence: Can they declare the future, interpret the past, or act in the present? The silence of the idols stands in sharp contrast to the power, knowledge, and righteousness of the living God. The verdict is clear: there is no other.

1. THE CHALLENGE TO THE IDOLS (VV. 21–23)

- God summons them to present their case.
- Can they speak, predict, or act? They remain silent.
- *Application:* Every worldview must answer the ultimate questions of life—only God can.

2. THE CONDEMNATION OF IDOLATRY (V. 24)

- Idols are nothing; their works are worthless.
- Choosing them is an abomination before God.
- *Application:* Modern idols—self, possessions, pleasure—are equally empty.

3. THE LORD’S PROPHETIC EVIDENCE (VV. 25–26)

- Cyrus’s rise foretold long before it happened.
- Fulfilled prophecy proves God’s sovereignty.



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- *Dispensational View*: Points toward Christ's millennial reign.

4. THE LORD ALONE SPEAKS GOOD NEWS (v. 27)

- God is the first to bring hope to Zion.
- Good news comes only from Him—fulfilled in Christ.

5. THE FINAL VERDICT (vv. 28–29)

- The idols have no counsel; their end is wind and confusion.
- Only the LORD remains worthy of worship.

KEY APPLICATIONS

- Trust God's Word: He alone speaks truth across time.
- Reject Modern Idolatry: Anything replacing God in your heart is nothingness.
- Rest in His Sovereignty: History is unfolding exactly as He declared.
- Cling to the Good News: Salvation comes only from the LORD.

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. What “idols” in our culture today make loud promises but deliver nothing?
2. How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen your trust in God's Word?
3. When you think about God declaring the end from the beginning, how should that shape your daily confidence?
4. Where do you need to reject “wind and confusion” and listen to the LORD alone?

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Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.