MORNING WORSHIP 9 December 2012

Text: Isaiah 45

Title: "LOOK TO ME, AND BE SAVED"

(I) AN INVITATION TO BE SAVED

"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." **Isaiah 45:22**

1. An open invitation

- a) To Israel
- b) To the ends of the earth

2. Looking up to God for salvation

- a) Recognising our need of salvation
- b) Returning to God
- c) Looking up to God for His promised salvation

(II) THE STRIVINGS OF THE SOUL

1. Ignorance

"Though you have not known Me" Isaiah 45:4d, 5c

2. Conflict

"Woe to Him who strives with his Maker!" Isaiah 45:9a

3. Insolence

"Woe to him who says to his father, "What are you begetting?" Or to the woman, "What have you brought forth?" **Isaiah 45:10**

(III) GLIMPSES OF THE PROMISED SALVATION

1. An everlasting salvation

"But Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation." Isaiah 45:17a

2. No disappointment

"You shall not be ashamed or disgrace forever and ever." Isaiah 45:17b

3. Not in vain

"I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, "Seek Me in vain." I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right." Isaiah 45:19

4. Fully justified

"In the LORD all the descendants of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory." Isaiah 45:25

(IV) ENCOURAGEMENT TO BELIEVE IN GOD

- 1. The LORD (Isaiah 45:1a, 5a, 6c)
- 2. The Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 45:11b)
- 3. The Maker (Isaiah 45:11c)
- 4. The LORD of hosts (Isaiah 45:13e)