

immediately of what they said to Christ on the cross. (Only I remember.) They said, He saved others, but Himself He cannot save.

P. 8. (Side one). O. Isaiah 46:3.

God said, Christ did rise from the dead. Were it not for His resurrection, you might say they were entirely . He was raised from the dead, and so actually He did have the power to save Himself and also to save others.

So this is very interesting, and now, it is a very cruel point to raise about the gods of Babylon, would they ever be carried off? They were taken off to captivity, and talks about the delivery, of the people who can't even deliver themselves.

On the other hand God says, it is He who carries the Israelites. Verse 2. The gods of Babylon can't carry the people. They themselves are taken captives. But God says He can carry the Israelites. He is going to deliver them. And this thing of idolatry, He continues with, who would you compare me to? He tells how they spend their money, and how they work building their idols, and carrying on this work. He says, why do you trust an idol that is just carried around? and made by hand? "Remember this, and shew yourselves men. Bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else." God's omnipotence. And then God's

46:10 omniscience. "~~Behold~~ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done." Predicting a hundred and ~~an~~ fifty years before this,

46:11 "Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country." Cyrus, of course, again. If I were to ask you at the end of the course to speak of a few verses of Cyrus, you would of course name this as one of the verses. Calling Cyrus, the ravenous bird from the east. The man that executes my counsel from a far country. "Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted." Isn't that a wonderful phrase? Unfortunately it continues, "that are far from righteousness." So when He says stout-hearted He means rigid, stubborn. There is hardly any thing you can say about the head or the heart but what it would be a slam or a praise, depending on how you look at it. He could have a strong heart, but if he has a strong head it is not so good. He can be hard headed, but if he is hard hearted, that is not good. Stout hearted may be something like hard hearted. But it is a little more than hard. It is the idea of stiff, unbendable. It is not the idea of being inhuman, but to mean obstinate.