

There is No god Besides Our God

Text: Isaiah 44

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I. God's enduring love for His people (Isa. 44:1-5).

Since God is the Creator of the nation, this means He will preserve His work in the nation. "No matter what the obstacles in the path of Israel, she is God's servant and therefore is not to fear" (Young 166). In the end the nation will not fail because God will not fail.

God has left us with many promises and not one word of His will fail or falter.

Why else did the remnant need not fear? God will change their situation. The nation had been in a spiritual drought, but God now promises that He will bless, feed, and care for His people as they respond in truth and repentance.

II. God's exclusivity over all other gods (Isa. 44:6-20).

**** God is unique.**

He is God over and above all other gods, people, and nations.

- God is Jehovah, King of Israel
- God is Redeemer
- God is Jehovah, the Lord of hosts
- I am the first and the last
"Before human history began He is, and when it shall finish, He is, the unending, eternal, and true God" (Young 170).
- Besides me there is no God – God is self-existent and independent of His creation.

The answer in the courtroom is so obvious that the simple answer to God's question is given: No, there is no Rock, there is no other God for I know of no one else.

****Idol makers craft their idols in vain and profit nothing (44:9a-10).**

Idolatry is absent of life and power. That which the craftsmen delights in, namely his work of making idols, has zero benefit.

****Idolaters and idol makers will be shamed (44:9b, 11).**

The idolaters, are blind and ignorant being led to a life of shameful and total failure through their gods.

****Idol makers are frail and falter (44:12).**

The idol maker who works hard at his craft, but in the end he is weak, hungry, thirsty, and faint. He is just human.

Truth: While God can make that which is less than Himself, the idol makers cannot make that which is divine. In the end the idols, made by frail men, cannot help men at all.

****Idols are powerless (44:13).**

The idol which has been made like the beauty of man remains in a shrine, powerless to do anything for anyone.

Truth: “In the whole procedure the idol is passive, providing no aid to its maker and exercising no control over its appearance, dwelling or destiny” (Hailey 373). The whole notion that an idol can do anything for anyone is preposterous yet so many people succumb to its deceptive ideas and notions.

****Idol makers are foolish (44:14-19).**

The idol could do nothing to deliver itself from the builder’s axe, from being partially burned, and being designed into whatever idol the maker wished, yet the maker now expects the finished product to deliver him from destruction and fate.

They completely miss where the wood actually originates from, who gave the maker the strength and mind to do the work, and his own spiritual condition.

In the end all that happens is the truth is exchanged for a lie as man turns to worship the creature instead of the Creator.

III. God’s actions toward His people demands praise and worship (Isa. 44:21-24).

Jehovah will never forget His covenant word and He will carry out His purpose for His people. And will not the Lord do for us what He promised?

Our money, our possessions, and any other created thing will do nothing to satisfy or meet the deep needs of our hearts. All of these things are temporary, but the eternal God is our Refuge and Strength.