

God Restores His People

Isaiah 43

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A. The Building of Faith (Isaiah 43:1-13)

- 1. Faith can only be possessed by those who have been redeemed (43:1)**
- 2. Faith is built by experiencing God's power (43:2-3)**
- 3. Faith is built by understanding we are precious in God's eyes (43:4)**

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A. The Building of Faith (Isaiah 43:1-13) - continued

4. Faith is trusting in future restoration (43:5-7)

**5. Faith is no longer being blind and deaf to God
(43:8-13)**

**a. Realizing that only God is possessor of truth
(vv 8-9)**

b. Realizing that only God is God (v 10)

**c. Realizing that only God provides a savior
(vv 11-12)**

d. Realizing that only God can deliver (v 13a)

e. Realizing that only God can stop God (13b)

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B. The Blessings of Faith Promised (Isaiah 43:14-21)

1. Future deliverance (43:14-17)

2. A new way (43:18-19)

3. God's provision (43:20)

4. God's power (43:21)

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C. The Blindness to Faith (Isaiah 43:22-28)

- 1. Occurs when God is not meaningful (43:22)**
- 2. Occurs when spiritual discipline not exercised**
- 3. Occurs when repentance is not sought (43:25)**
- 4. Occurs when God is forgotten (43:26)**
- 5. Occurs when spiritual leadership is debased (43:27-28)**

Has God Restored Your Life?

**In God We Trust?
Isaiah 44**

God, not idols, can only give spiritual life.

I. The Characteristics Of The People of God (Isaiah 44:1-5)

A. Chosen by God (44:1)

Isaiah 44:1

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

B. Created by God (44:2)

Isaiah 44:2

Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

I. The Characteristics Of The People of God (Isaiah 44:1-5)

C. Consecrated by God (44:3-4)

Isaiah 44:3-4

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

D. Committed to God (44:5)

Isaiah 44:5

One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

II. The Constants Of The Person of God (Isaiah 44:6-9)

A. Unique (44:6)

Isaiah 44:6

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isaiah 40:25

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

II. The Constants Of The Person of God (Isaiah 44:6-9)

B Unmatched by idols ... (44:7-9)

1. That are not all-knowing (v 7)

Isaiah 44:7

And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

2. That are not all-powerful (v 8)

Isaiah 44:8

Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

II. The Constants Of The Person of God

(Isaiah 44:6-9)

B Unmatched by idols ... (44:7-9) - continued

3. That are not worth anything (v 9)

Isaiah 44:9

They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

III. The Calamity Of The People of Idolatry

(Isaiah 44:10-20)

A. Their idols are not profitable (44:10)

Isaiah 44:10

Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?

B. Their idols are not protecting (44:11)

Isaiah 44:11

Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

III. The Calamity Of The People of Idolatry (Isaiah 44:10-20)

C. Their idols sap their strength and resources (44:12-13)

Isaiah 44:12-13

12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

III. The Calamity Of The People of Idolatry (Isaiah 44:10-20)

D. Their idols are misuse of God's resources (44:14)

Isaiah 44:14

He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.

III. The Calamity Of The People of Idolatry (Isaiah 44:10-20)

E. Their idols blind them to God's provision (44:15-17)

Isaiah 44:15-17

15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

III. The Calamity Of The People of Idolatry

(Isaiah 44:10-20)

F. Their idols are dead (44:18)

Isaiah 44:18

They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

III. The Calamity Of The People of Idolatry (Isaiah 44:10-20)

**G. Their idols blind them from the knowledge of the true
God (44:19-20)**

Isaiah 44:19-20

**19 And none considereth in his heart, neither is there
knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of
it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals
thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make
the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to
the stock of a tree?**

**20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him
aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a
lie in my right hand?**

IV. The Conditions For Reconciliation

(Isaiah 44:21-28)

A. Remember God (44:21)

Isaiah 44:21

Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

B. Repent (44:22)

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

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(Isaiah 44:21-28)

C. Rejoice (44:23)

Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

IV. The Conditions For Reconciliation

(Isaiah 44:21-28)

D. Rest (44:24-28)

1. On God's creation power (v 24)

Isaiah 44:24

Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

2. On God's conquering wisdom (v 25)

Isaiah 44:25

That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

IV. The Promise of Reconciliation (Isaiah 44:21-28)

D. Rest (44:24-28) - continued

3. On God's confirmed word (vv26-28)

a. His prophecy of the restoration of Jerusalem (v 26)

Isaiah 44:26

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

IV. The Conditions For Reconciliation

(Isaiah 44:21-28)

D. Rest (44:24-28) - continued

3. On God's confirmed word (vv26-28) - continued

b. His pattern of the restoration of Jerusalem (v 27)

Isaiah 44:27

That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

c. His person of the restoration of Jerusalem (v 28)

Isaiah 44:28

That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Are We Trusting In God?