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# I want to KNOW YOU: the Attributes of God

## REDEEMER

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**LESSON 21** *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight has helped you know Him better as your **Faithful** God?
  
2. Pray and ask God to give you understanding as you traverse holy ground. God prophesized that He would rescue His people from captivity in Babylon, just as He had rescued them from slavery in Egypt. **Isaiah 43-45** tells of this future **redemption**. What beautiful portrait of our **Redeemer** is also painted for you in **Jeremiah 50:33-34**?
  
3. a) Read **Isaiah 43:1-7**. The Lord says, "I have **redeemed** you." Give a definition for the word **redeemed**.  
  
b) What are some of the words and phrases that reveal how **redemption** will be secured for Israel (**V3-4**)?
  
4. a) From **V1 and V4a**, how did God affirm His relationship with them as He commanded them not to fear?  
  
b) Describe the various obstacles and trials that would be encountered and the rescue God would provide in **V2, 5-7**?
  
5. In **V8-13**, what are His people called to be and to declare and how is the unique greatness and power of God displayed?
  
6. a) List the magnificent titles given to God in **V14-15**.  
  
b) How might Isaiah's words have brought comfort to a people living in exile?

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7. a) In **V16-17**, what past event is mentioned (**Exodus 14:29-30**), and what hope did He give for the future (**V18-19**)? How does that encourage you?
- b) What stands out as you contrast the people's hardened heart with God's redemptive mercy in **V22-26**?
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8. Read **44:1-7**. What did Israel's King and **Redeemer** tell them that would dispel their fears and give them hope, especially for their children? How does that warm your heart?
9. a) Read **44:9-21** and comment on why you think God had them "remember these things" in that way (**V21**)?
- b) In **44:22-23**, what amazes you about God's response to their sin of idolatry?
10. a) Given that the Temple, Jerusalem, and Judah were destroyed and desecrated as they headed into exile, which of the Lord's statements in **V24-28** do you think the exiles in Babylon might have found most significant?
- b) Read the prophecy about Cyrus in **44:28** and **45:13**, then read the remarkable fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy 150+ years later in **Ezra 1:1-8**. What astounded you about how God used this man?
11. a) According to **45:1-7**, what is God's personal message to His anointed?
- b) How does **Proverbs 21:1** confirm God's ability to change the heart of Cyrus, the King of Persia?

c) What comfort does this bring as you consider all the powerful, pagan rulers in our world today?

12. a) What is the warning in **45:9, 11-12**?

b) Consider where you may be questioning God's plan. How is this warning just what you need to hear?

13. How is Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of **45:21-23**? (See **Philippians 2:9-11**.)

14. As you have gotten to know your **Redeemer** better, what amazes you about:

- How God **redeemed** Israel
  
  
- How God has **redeemed** you (See **1 Peter 1:18-19**).

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Jesus is our **Redeemer**. He bought us at a price in order to **redeem** us from slavery to sin. Reflect on how He has secured our **redemption** in these verses:

- **Psalm 49:7-8,15**
  
- **Ephesians 1:7**
  
- **Hebrews 9:12**

2. Centuries before Isaiah or Jeremiah prophesized about Israel's **Redeemer**, what did Job proclaim in **Job 19:25**? What confidence does that truth give you?

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Isaiah 43:1b**

b) Allow a truth that impressed your heart in this study to lead you into prayer.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**