



LESSON 14

ISAIAH 44:1-23

1. Reflecting on **Isaiah 42-43** and God's perfect way, what verse, truth, or insight inspired you to take action or change course this week?
2. As you read **Isaiah 44:1-23**, pray that the Spirit would open your eyes to the realities of idolatry versus having God as your Redeemer. Also read **Joel 2:28-32**, quoted by Peter at Pentecost in **Acts 2:17-21**. What insights do you have about God's plans in the last days?
3. After a strong statement of divine judgment, God in **Isaiah 44:1** says, "But now." What in **VI-4** do you find surprising about what is next for Judah? See Jesus' comments in **John 7:37-39**.
4. What do you think is the heart condition of the individuals described in **Isaiah 44:5**? See **Exodus 13:16, 21:5-6**.

5. Read **Isaiah 44:6-8** and write down the divine titles and characteristics ascribed to God. Which one(s) do you find most meaningful?
6. In contrast, what is Isaiah's opinion of the idol makers and their gods according to **V9-11**?
7. Compare the blacksmith (**V12**) and the carpenter (**V13**) with God, as seen by Isaiah in **Ch. 40:28-31**.
8. Idols are not necessarily formed by craftsmen as depicted by Isaiah. List some of the idols of our times that we look to in place of God, including the idols in your own heart.
9. In **Isaiah 44:14-17**, Isaiah details the making of an idol and highlights the absurdity of idolatry. What is most convicting to you from this passage?

10. Isaiah completes the proclamation on idols with **V18-20**. Write a timeless truth about idols or those who worship idols.

11. What does Isaiah ask God's people to remember in **V21-23**? How would remembering these truths about God give rise to songs of joy?

12. Reflecting on who God is: **Redeemer (Go 'al)**

In **Isaiah 44:21**, the Lord tells Israel, "**I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.**" The Lord has redeemed us, purchased us back, from slavery to sin. Jesus gave Himself up on our behalf in order to free us. Return to Him, your **Redeemer**. Lay before Him your offenses and sins, and He will sweep them away. Hallelujah!

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PRAYER REQUEST