

The Folly of Idols, the Greatness of God

Isaiah 44:6-23



The Lord Alone Is God

6 “This is what the Lord says, He who is the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of armies:

**‘I am the first and I am the last,
And there is no God besides Me.**

Isaiah 44:6 (NASB)



The Lord Alone Is God

7 Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it;

And, let him confront Me

Beginning with My establishing of the ancient nation.

Then let them declare to them the things that are coming

And the events that are going to take place.

Isaiah 44:7 (NASB)



The Lord Alone Is God

**8 Do not tremble and do not be afraid;
Have I not long since announced it to
you and declared it?**

And you are My witnesses.

Is there any God besides Me,

Or is there any other Rock?

I know of none.””

Isaiah 44:8 (NASB)



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9 Those who fashion an idol are all futile, and their treasured things are of no benefit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame.

Isaiah 44:9 (NASB)



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**10 Who has fashioned a god or
cast an idol to no benefit?**

Isaiah 44:10 (NASB)



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11 Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for the craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them be put to shame together.

Isaiah 44:11 (NASB)



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12 The craftsman of iron shapes a cutting tool and does his work over the coals, fashioning it with hammers and working it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and his strength fails; he drinks no water and becomes weary.

Isaiah 44:12 (NASB)



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13 The craftsman of wood extends a measuring line; he outlines it with a marker. He works it with carving knives and outlines it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of mankind, so that it may sit in a house.

Isaiah 44:13 (NASB)



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14 He will cut cedars for himself, and he takes a holm-oak or another oak and lets it grow strong for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a laurel tree, and the rain makes it grow.

Isaiah 44:14 (NASB)



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15 Then it becomes something for a person to burn, so he takes one of them and gets warm; he also makes a fire and bakes bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a carved image and bows down before it.

Isaiah 44:15 (NASB)



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16 Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat, he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire." 17 Yet the rest of it he makes into a god, his carved image. He bows down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, "Save me, for you are my god."

Isaiah 44:16-17 (NASB)



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18 They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see, and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.

Isaiah 44:18 (NASB)



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19 No one remembers, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I bow down before a block of wood!"

Isaiah 44:19 (NASB)



The Folly Of Idols

20 He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has misled him. And he cannot save himself, nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Isaiah 44:20 (NASB)



The Lord Redeems His People

**21 “Remember these things, Jacob,
And Israel, for you are My servant;
I have formed you, you are My
servant,
Israel, you will not be forgotten by
Me.**

Isaiah 44:21 (NASB)



The Lord Redeems His People

**22 I have wiped out your
wrongdoings like a thick cloud
And your sins like a heavy mist.
Return to Me, for I have redeemed
you.”**

Isaiah 44:22 (NASB)



The Lord Redeems His People

23 Shout for joy, you heavens, for the Lord has done it!

Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth;

Break into a shout of jubilation, you mountains,

Forest, and every tree in it;

For the Lord has redeemed Jacob,

And in Israel He shows His glory.

Isaiah 44:23 (NASB)

