

Thursday Evening Bible Study  
**Series: The Book of Isaiah**

Teaching Summary for Week 68

**Isaiah Chapter 43:22-44:23**

This section of Isaiah treats Israel's sin and redemption.  
Isaiah addresses four topics under the heading of **sin dealt with by redemption**.

He begins by describing the sin of the nation. **Isaiah 43:22-24**.

Next, He describes how the Lord will meet their need. **Isaiah 43:25-44:5**.

Then he will contrast the Lord, their Redeemer, the only God with idols. **Isaiah 44:6-20**.

Finally, he will describe redemption from sin. **Isaiah 44:21-23**.

Last week, we studied **Isaiah 44:6-20**. **Isaiah contrasts the Lord with idols**.

*This evening, we will explore how this passage applies to our times.*

## What about us?

**Isaiah 44:9-11** speaks directly to the present day. It addresses people and their idols: the natural or man-made things that men worship as their gods today.

When the Bible – particularly the New Testament - talks about idols, idolatry, and idolaters, it typically - but not always - associates these things with unbelievers. See **1 Corinthians 5:9-11, 6:9-11; Galatians 5:16-24; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Peter 4:3; Revelation 21:7-8,**

What is an unbeliever's god? It is that which is dearest to his heart; the thing he guards most ferociously, that which is untouchable, that final line in the sand of his life that no one dare cross without violence ensuing. See **Acts 19:23-29.**

What does **Romans 1:18-32** teach us about idolatry? How about **Colossians 3:5-7**?

Believers can come under the influence of idolatry. We can become, as **1 Corinthians 10:20** says, participants or sharers in demons.

Believers can fall into temptation and act as if we were unbelievers. We can crave evil things, act in sexual immorality, be taken over by greed and the love of money.

We can, in this sense, be idolaters ( **1Corinthians 10:7**).

Look at **Acts 15:29**, followed by **1 Corinthians 8:1-10, 10:14-30**. Is there a difference between worshipping an idol and eating meat sacrificed to idols? How does that translate to our situation today?

As believers, we are commanded to flee idolatry. **1 Corinthians 10:14.**

**How are we to flee idolatry? What's the Lord's provision for us**

Let's read the following verses and use them to answer this question.

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

**1 Timothy 6:7-12**

**2 Timothy 2:22-23**

**Galatians 5:16-24**

**Ephesians 4:17-32**

**Colossians 3:8-17**

Next week, we will examine **Isaiah 44:21-23: the Lord has redeemed Israel.**