

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

Teaching Summary for Week 69

**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**.

We finished up our study of **Isaiah 44:6-20**. **Isaiah contrasts the Lord with idols**.

*This evening, we will complete our look at 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.

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?**

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**

Finally, we arrive at **Isaiah 44:21-23: the Lord has redeemed Israel.**

This section of Isaiah ends in triumph. The Lord has done it!

The Lord invites Israel to do three things: Remember, return, and rejoice.

In verse 21, the Lord asks the people to “remember these things”. What things?

The things that were mentioned in 43:22-44:20!

- Because of their sins, they needed to be redeemed (43:22-24)
- The Lord promised that He would forgive them and bless their descendants(43:25-44:5)
- His promises are certain because He is the one and only God, a God of righteousness, omniscience, and power (44:6-20)

Verse 21 ends with the Lord promising that He will always remember His people Israel, no matter what.

What follows next is a tremendous expression of the grace of God.

Notice that all the things that they need to know are things which the Lord has done for them, not the other way around. Contrast that with the idol-makers and their “gods”.

The Lord redeemed them in spite of their actions, not because of them. He formed them. He wiped out their sins and transgressions. He redeemed them.

He says these things as facts, as certainties in His mind, so certain that He uses the past tense.

Only after that does He invite them to return to Him. Such tremendous grace! Return to Me BECAUSE I HAVE redeemed you. Not “return to me so that I will redeem you”.

Verse 23 is a verse of joy, joy, and more joy. All of creation shouts for joy at the redemption of the Lord: the heavens and the earth; the mountains, forests and trees.

SING! The Lord has done it! He has saved us, and all of creation will rejoice. See **Romans 8:19-21**.

The Psalms also express the joy of all creation when the Savior returns to set up His kingdom. See **Psalms 96 and 98**.

The Lord has also redeemed us! **Rom 3:21-24, Eph 1:7, Col 1:13-14, 1Pe 1:18-19**. Let’s also rejoice in the LORD! **Philippians 4:4-9**.