

## Unfaithful but not Forgotten

Isaiah 43:22-44:23

*While God's people may be unfaithful to Him, God does not forget them nor His promises to them. God will fully and finally demonstrate His faithfulness in the future redemption of Israel.*

### I. The Problems of God's People

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Worship (43:22-24)

1. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to the worshipper (22)
2. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to the worshipped (23-24)

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Forgiveness (43:25-28)

1. God alone can \_\_\_\_\_ sin (25)
2. Man can never \_\_\_\_\_ himself (26-28)

### II. The Solutions for God's People (44:1-20)

#### A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (44:1-4)

#### B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (44:5)

#### C. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (44:6-20)

### III. The Hope for God's People (44:21-23)

The sacrificial system was meant to meet the needs of people as they discovered their inability to live up to the law and their constant need for forgiveness and restoration. Thus, the sacrifices were designed for relief, delight, and home-coming to God. By opting for a mere ritual and evacuating the sacrifices of their power they remained in their sin and as such were a constant weariness to the Holy One. Thus Isaiah's message in these verse is the same in 1:10ff. There was much religious fervor but no religious reality. At the point where they might have expected to please God they wearied him (24; 1:14); where they most zealously assumed themselves to be right they were proving only that they were still in their sin. - J. Alec Mother

What was said?	What contrast was implied?
Men "form" idols (44:9)	God "forms" the world and his people
Idols do not help; give no profit (44:9)	God strengthens and helps
Their witness does not see, know (44:9)	God's witnesses see & know
Idol makers tremble in fear (44:11)	God's people need not fear
Idol makers will be ashamed (44:11)	God's people will not be ashamed
Idol makers get tired and weary (44:12)	God's strengthens so people are not weary
Idol makers measure on wood (44:13)	God measures out the heavens with his hand
Idols are images of humanity (44:13)	God made man in his image
Idols are wood and metal (44:14)	God made the wood and the metals
People worship what they make (44:15)	The Maker/Creator should be worshipped
People seek divine deliverance (44:17)	Only God can bring real deliverance
Idols blind people's eyes (44:18)	God opens people's eyes
Idols give no understanding (44:19)	God gives wisdom and understanding
Idolatry is a deceptive lie (44:20)	God reveals the truth
Idols lead people astray (44:20)	God calls people to turn from lies