

Isaiah 43:1-4; 44:1-5

HOW DO YOU SEE GOD? WHO IS HE AND WHAT DOES HE AND CAN HE DO IN YOUR LIFE?

- Isaiah 43:11-13
- Isaiah 44:6, 24-28
 - Creator
 - Redeemer
 - Savior
 - King
 - Judge
- How does a Creator respond when His creation is gone awry?

JUDGEMENT IS COMING.

- A. Spiritual apathy and weariness of God.
- B. Spiritiual ignorance.
- C. Obstinance, rebellion towards God and His Word.

1. SPIRITUAL APATHY AND WEARINESS OF GOD.

• Isaiah 43:21-24 "The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise. 22 "Yet you have not called on Me, O Jacob; But you have become weary of Me, O Israel. 23 "You have not brought to Me the sheep of your burnt offerings, Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices... 24 "You have bought Me not sweet cane with money, Nor have you filled Me with the fat of your sacrifices; ... (NAU)

SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE AND BLINDNESS TO THE THINGS OF GOD.

Isaiah 42:19-20 Who is blind but My servant, Or so deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is so blind as he that is at peace with Me, Or so blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰ You have seen many things, but you do not observe them; Your ears are open, but none hears. (NAU)

3. SPIRITUAL REBELLION AND OBSTINANCE AGAINST GOD AND HIS LAW.

• Isaiah 48:3-5 "I declared the former things long ago And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them. Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass. ⁴ "Because I know that you are obstinate, And your neck is an iron sinew, And your forehead bronze, ⁵ Therefore I declared them to you long ago, Before they took place I proclaimed them to you,

SO GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO "PLUNDERERS."

 Isaiah 42:24 Who gave Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to plunderers? Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned, And in whose ways they were not willing to walk, And whose law they did not obey?

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE OF BEING "GIVEN OVER TO WHAT WE CHOOSE":

• Psalm 81:11-14 "But My people did not listen to My voice; And Israel did not obey Me. ¹² "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk in their own devices. ¹³ "Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! ¹⁴ "I would quickly subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries.

WHATEVER YOU OPEN THE DOOR TO HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CONSUME YOU – ONE STEP AT A TIME.

- Eph. 4:26-27 "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.
- Matt. 6:22-23 "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

HOW TO EMBRACE GOD'S NEW?

- In humility, place your life in the hands of a God who calls you (44:5):
 - Precious in my sight. 43:4
 - Honored and I love you. 43:4
 - My darling. 44:2
 - I will give others in exchange for you.

REPENTANCE FORESTALLS JUDGMENT.

- Isaiah 43:23
- Isa. 1:18-19 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. ¹⁹ "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; (NAS)

NEXT STEPS.

- A. Is God giving you a "wake-up" alarm? Is He calling you to "wake-up" spiritually? Your family?
- B. Recommit yourself to God doing a new thing in your spiritual life.
 - Join a Lifegroup.
 - Attend a Wednesday night Bible study.

NEXT STEPS.

C. Look for an opportunity to stand up for God this next week. Be a witness.