Isaiah 44-45

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INTRODUCTION

- Well, God hasn't called us to be perfect. He didn't call Israel to be perfect, but he did call on them to walk in his ways.
- Quite a different message from what you see on the billboards. Many paths lead to heaven. God says, I'm the only one.
- There is only one God, not a plurality of gods, not a created God, not a lesser God.

1 I Will Pour My Spirit on Your Descendants

- Thus says the Lord who made you and formed you from the womb, and who will help you.
- To pour out his spirit is simply to provide blessings for his people.
- Not necessarily literally to supply water like he did in the wilderness, but to provide sustenance for his people, to provide nourishment for his people.

2 Besides Me There Is No God

- I am the first, I am the last. Besides me, there is no God.
- You are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? Indeed, there is no other rock. I know not one.
- So, verses six throughout eight, he says plainly, There is no other God.

3 Idolatry Is Foolish

- Those who make a graven image, all of them are useless, and their precious things shall not profit.
- His argument is there is nothing inherent in the making of an idol that gives it any power.
- Half of it he burns as though it has no value. The other half he bows down to it. Does that make any sense?
- They saw visible proof of God's power. But an idol, where's the evidence? Where's the proof?

4 I Have Blotted Out Your Transgressions

- I have blotted out like a thick cloud your transgressions, and like a cloud your sin return to me, for I have redeemed you.
- And God says, I redeemed you, I blotted out your sins, and I will not remember them.
- Same comfort we have today. God says to us, turn to me. I will forgive your sins, and I will remember them no more.
- I have power over the nations, I control them.

5 Cyrus the Anointed

- God had chosen Cyrus for a particular purpose, and therefore he is considered anointed, as appointed to provide this deliverance.
- Jacob here is pictured as striving with his maker, denying his power, denying who he is.
- You can trust in me, I am the creator, and I am in control.
- The Lord the God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.
- It was a long and twisted path that brought Cyrus to this fulfillment.

6 Look to Me and Be Saved

Isaiah 59:1–2

- Yes, God hides himself from those who reject him. But he didn't say to the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain.
- In other words, there's profit in following God.
- Look to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no other.
- Is God the God of the Israel only? Absolutely not.

MY NOTES