

Isaiah
Chapter 44

v. 6-8-- We must all join in Him--He is all we need, the doctrines and differences between us melt away when we focus our hearts and minds and spirits on Him alone!! He is our only God!! Sometimes we can get so tied up in "church" that we make a god of that! That can be idolatry!!

v. 9-15-- Our graven images are our worldly things--we work and make our lives "successful" and feel we did it with our own hands, but all these worldly treasures are perishable--they won't last, and we, being weak, can't keep up without the help of God, who gave us these things. Still, we claim we did it all ourselves. (See Jeremiah 10:3-5)

v. 16-- We use material things, and we feel they are important, and say "aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire". We think, because we have seen happiness, or what the world calls happiness, that we must be happy; we see fire, we feel warm; but we don't know, until the Spirit of the Lord reveals it, just how cold and empty we really are.

v. 17-- Whenever we ignore God in our lives, we are making a god of our natural lives.

v. 18-20-- Without the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, we cannot understand these things, how God has given us the things of the world for our use, but not to take the place of Him in our lives. We are to live to give, to be prosperous for The Lord, and not for ourselves. As long as we put Him first, we will be prosperous--He will provide whatever we need in this world, but the lie comes when we feel we must put material things foremost and talk to the Lord "when we have time".

v. 21-22-- He makes it clear that all we need do is come to Him and we are forgiven. He pleads with us, because He is literally bursting with Love for us!!

v. 23-- "The Lord hath done it." The Lord has already forgiven us. All we need do is repent and accept His forgiveness, and His healing, and His power and protection!

v. 24-25-- We must remember we're nothing on our own--even to those who don't realize it, He is giving--even though they take the credit themselves, it is all from Him.

v. 26-- He is the God that performs everything He says through His servants; Who inhabits His people. He dwells in us, and raises up our once dead spirits to new life!

c. 27-- But those who chose not to follow after Him, will not have the flow of the Living Waters and will be dry.