

The Comfort of the Holy One

Isaiah 44

“The Comfort of the Blessings of God
Poured Out on Israel”

Isaiah 1-12 (UNIT 1 OF 7)

THE CALL OF THE HOLY ONE

A Introduction: Israel's Disobedience & Resultant Devastation (1:1-31)

B Visions of Future Restoration of Jerusalem (2:1-4:6)

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X CALL TO ISAIAH (6:1-13)

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- C** Oracles concerning Egypt and Ethiopia (17:1-20:6)
- X** FALL OF BABYLON (21:1-17)
- C1** Oracle concerning Jerusalem and Shebna (22:1-25)
- B1** Oracle about Judah's Western Neighbor - Tyre (23:1-18)
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- A** Yahweh's Coming Overthrow of Samaria - Judah's Enemy to the North (28:1-29)
- B** Prediction of Assyrian Siege of Jerusalem and Promise of Yahweh's Rescue (29:1-24)
- C** Warning to Judah not to Rely on Egypt (30:1-14)
- X** TRUST IN YAHWEH (30:15-33)
- C1** Warning to Judah not to Rely on Egypt (31:-9)
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B1 Hezekiah's Sickness and His Prayer to Yahweh for Help (38:1-22)

A1 Arrival of the Friendly Babylonian Emissaries (39:1-8)

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THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY ONE

A Good News for Jerusalem (40:1-31)

B Yahweh is Superior to Idols and is Raising up one from the East (41:1-20)

C Yahweh's Challenge to Idols, Can they tell the future as He can? (41:21-42:17)

X CALL TO SINFUL ISRAEL TO RESPOND TO YAHWEH
(42:18-43:7)

C1 Yahweh's Challenge to Idols, Can they tell the future as He can? (43:8-45:19)

B1 Yahweh is Superior to Idols and is Calling a bird of prey from the East (45:20-46:13)

A1 Bad News for Babylon (47:1-48:22)



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Isaiah 40:31,
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 41:10,
Fear thou not; for I am with thee:
Be not dismayed; for I am thy God:
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;
Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

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**Isaiah 42:3,
A bruised reed shall he not break,
and the smoking flax shall he not quench:
he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.**

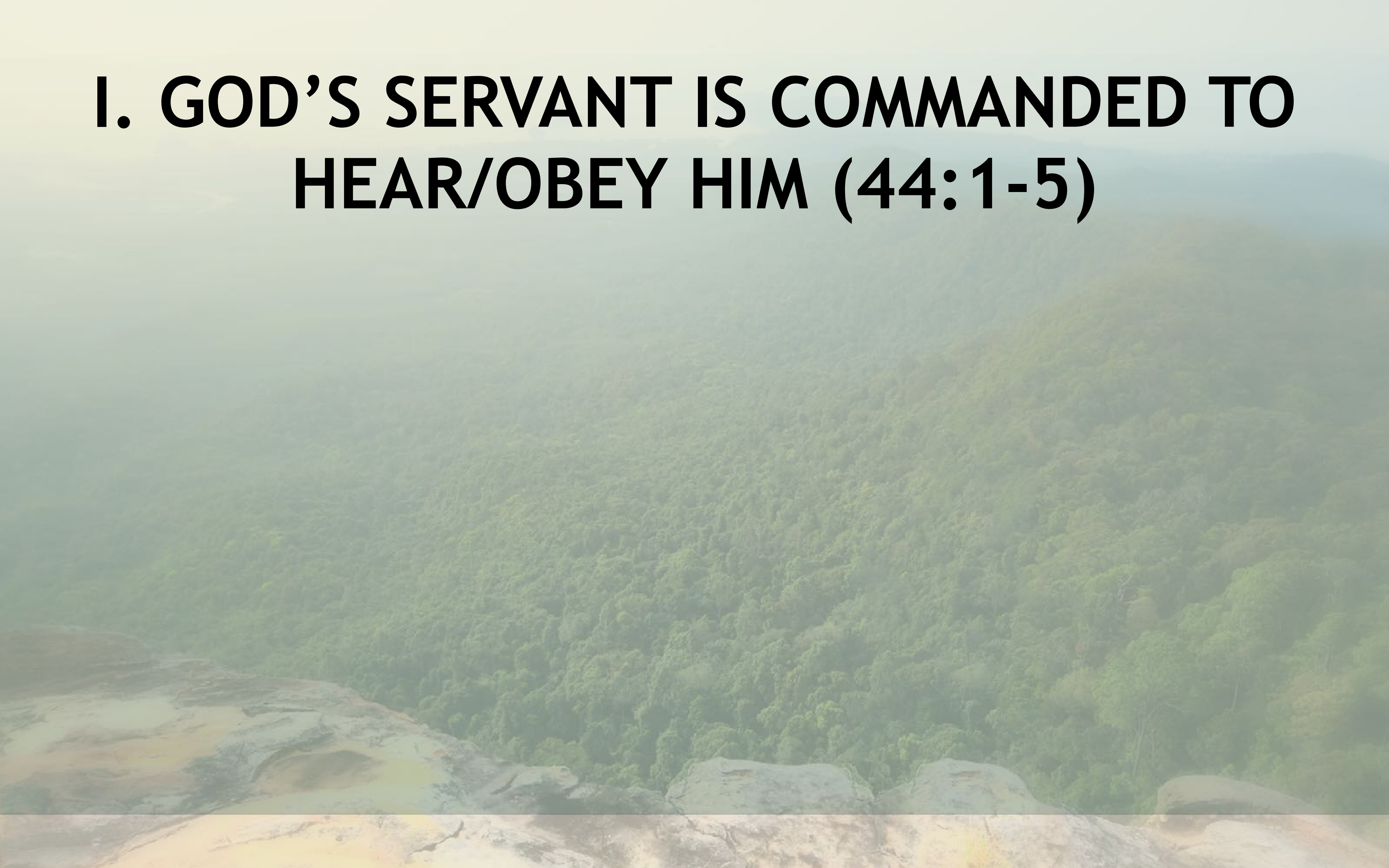
**Isaiah 43:2,
When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee;
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:
when thou walkest through the fire,
thou shalt not be burned;
neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.**

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**Isaiah 44:22,
I have blotted out, as a thick cloud,
thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins:
return unto me;
for I have redeemed thee.**



I. GOD'S SERVANT IS COMMANDED TO HEAR/OBEY HIM (44:1-5)



A. Because God has Chosen Israel

1. Jacob is Converted
2. Jacob is Chosen
3. Jacob is Called to Serve

Isaiah 44:1,
Yet now hear (IMPERATIVE), O Jacob my servant;
and Israel, whom I have chosen:

B. Because God has Created Israel

1. Jacob is Created and Formed by God
2. Jacob is Carefully Helped by God
3. Jacob is Challenged by God - “Jesurun” = to be “upright”

Isaiah 44:2,
Thus saith the LORD that made thee,
and formed thee from the womb,
which will help thee;
Fear not (JUSSIVE), O Jacob, my servant;
and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

C. Because God has Cared for Israel

1. The Condition of the Land
2. The Coming of the Spirit
3. The Comparison of the Vegetation

Isaiah 44:3-4,

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty,
and floods upon the dry ground:
I will pour my spirit upon thy seed,
and my blessing upon thine offspring:

And they shall spring up as among the grass,
as willows by the water courses.

Three Responses to God's Compassionate Care

Isaiah 44:5,

- #1** One shall say, I am the LORD's;
- #2** and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob;
- #3** and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD,
and surname himself by the name of Israel.

II. GOD'S SERVANT IS STRONGLY EXHORTED NOT TO FEAR (44:6-8)

Isaiah

A. Because of the Claims of God

Isaiah 44:6,
Thus saith the LORD
the King of Israel,
and his redeemer
the LORD of hosts;
I am the first, and I am the last;
and beside me there is no God.

- > He is the Relational God
- > He is the Sovereign God
- > He is the Forgiving God
- > He is the Almighty God
- > He is the Eternal God
- > He is the Only God

“I am the first, and I am the last”

Revelation 1:17,

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead;

Revelation 2:8,

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

Revelation 22:13,

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

B. Because of the Coming Fulfillment of Prophecies

Isaiah 44:7,
And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it,
and set it in order for me,
since I appointed the ancient people?
and the things that are coming, and shall come,
let them shew unto them.

C. Because of the Convincing Evidence

Isaiah 44:8,

Fear ye not (JUSSIVE), neither be afraid (JUSSIVE):
have not I told thee from that time,
and have declared it?
ye are even my witnesses.
Is there a God beside me?
yea, there is no God; I know not any.

III. GOD'S SERVANT IS TO AVOID THE SIN AND SHAME OF IDOLATRY (44:9-20)

**THE CONTRAST SEEN BETWEEN THE DIVINE CREATOR OF MAN
AND THE HUMAN CRAFTSMAN OF IDOLS**

A. Because Idol-making is Useless

Isaiah 44:9,

They that make a graven image are all of them vanity;
and their delectable things shall not profit;
and they are their own witnesses;
they see not, nor know;
that they may be ashamed.

B. Because Idol-Making is Not Profitable

Isaiah 44:10,
Who hath formed a god,
or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?

C. Because Idol-Making is Shameful

Isaiah 44:11,
Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed:
and the workmen, they are of men:
let them all be gathered together,
let them stand up;
yet they shall fear,
and they shall be ashamed together.

D. Because Idol-making is Hard Work

Isaiah 44:12,

The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals,
and fashioneth it with hammers,
and worketh it with the strength of his arms:
yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth:
he drinketh no water, and is faint.

E. Because Idol-Making is Foolish Work

Isaiah 44:13,
The carpenter stretcheth out his rule;
he marketh it out with a line;
he fitteth it with planes,
and he marketh it out with the compass,
and maketh it after the figure of a man,
according to the beauty of a man;
that it may remain in the house.

F. Because Idol-Making is Long Work

Isaiah 44:14,
He heweth him down cedars,
and taketh the cypress and the oak,
which he strengtheneth for himself
among the trees of the forest:
he planteth an ash,
and the rain doth nourish it.

G. Because Idol-Making is Illogical Work

Isaiah 44:15,
Then shall it be for a man to burn:
for he will take thereof, and warm himself;
yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread;
yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it;
he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

H. Because Idol-Making is Insane Work

Isaiah 44:16-17,
He burneth part thereof in the fire;
with part thereof he eateth flesh;
he roasteth roast, and is satisfied:
yea, he warmeth himself, and saith,
Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

And the residue thereof he maketh a god,
even his graven image: he falleth down unto it,
and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith,
Deliver me; for thou art my god.

I. Because Idol-making is Ignorant Work

Isaiah 44:18,

They have not known nor understood:
for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see;
and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

J. Because Idol-Making is Deceptive Work

Isaiah 44:19,

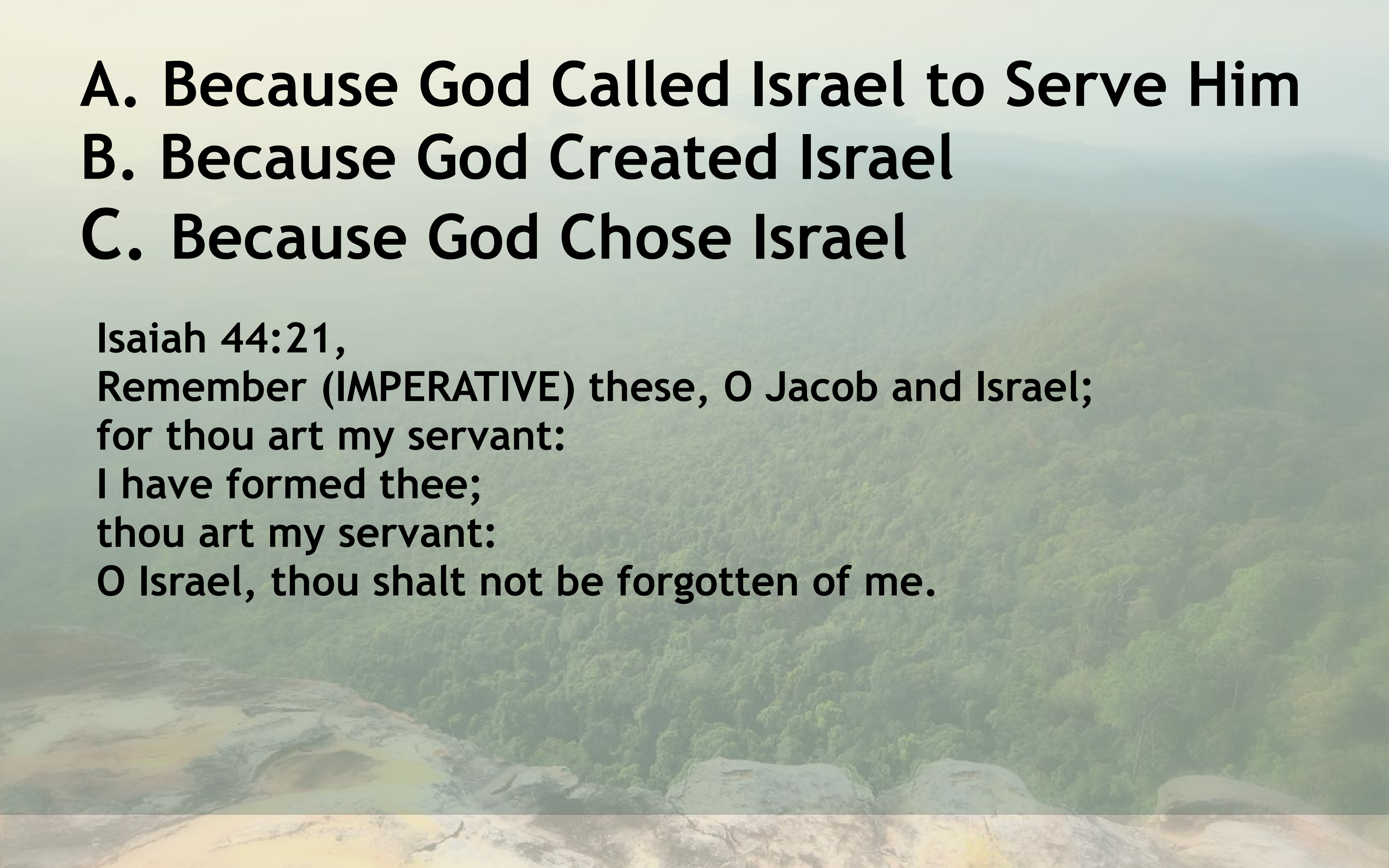
And none considereth in his heart,
neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say,
I have burned part of it in the fire;
yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof;
I have roasted flesh, and eaten it:
and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination?
shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

Isaiah 44:20,

He feedeth on ashes:
a deceived heart hath turned him aside,
that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say,
Is there not a lie in my right hand?

IV. GOD'S SERVANT IS TO REMEMBER THE CONSEQUENCES OF IDOLATRY AND REPENT OF ANY RESIDUAL

**REMEMBER THESE
RETURN UNTO ME**

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- A. Because God Called Israel to Serve Him**
 - B. Because God Created Israel**
 - C. Because God Chose Israel**

**Isaiah 44:21,
Remember (IMPERATIVE) these, O Jacob and Israel;
for thou art my servant:
I have formed thee;
thou art my servant:
O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.**

D. Because God Cleansed Israel from all Sin

Isaiah 44:22,
I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions,
and, as a cloud, thy sins:
return (IMPERATIVE) unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

V. GOD'S SERVANTS ARE TO REJOICE IN THE LORD



A. Because He Has Redeemed Israel

Isaiah 44:23,
Sing (IMPERATIVE), O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it:
shout (IMPERATIVE), ye lower parts of the earth:
break forth (IMPERATIVE) into singing, ye mountains,
O forest, and every tree therein:
for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob,
and glorified himself in Israel.

B. Because He has Created Israel

Isaiah 44:24,
Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer,
and he that formed thee from the womb,
I am the LORD that maketh all things;
that stretcheth forth the heavens alone;
that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

C. Because He Confuses/Resists the Proud

Isaiah 44:25,
That frustrateth the tokens of the liars,
and maketh diviners mad;
that turneth wise men backward,
and maketh their knowledge foolish;

D. Because He Confirms His Word

E. Because He Completes the Plans

F. Because He Cares for His People

Isaiah 44:26,

**That confirmeth the word of his servant,
and performeth the counsel of his messengers;
that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited;
and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built,
and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:**

G. Because He Predicts the Future

Isaiah 44:27,

That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers.

Jeremiah 51:36-37

Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will plead thy cause, And take vengeance for thee; And I will dry up her sea, And make her springs dry. And Babylon shall become heaps, A dwelling place for dragons (jackals), An astonishment, and an hissing, Without an inhabitant.

H. Because His Prophecies are Fulfilled Precisely

Isaiah 44:28,
That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd,
and shall perform all my pleasure:
even saying to Jerusalem,
Thou shalt be built; and to the temple,
Thy foundation shall be laid.

The Invitation to Call on the Name of the Lord

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- #2 and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob;
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and surname himself by the name of Israel.

Dear Lord,

I want to belong to You. I believe that Jesus “is the first and the last,” and that He died for my sins and rose again the third day. I now repent of my idolatry and ask that you blot out my sins. I pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.