

Isaiah 44:9-20

9 All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.

10 Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing?

11 He and his kind will be put to shame; craftsmen are nothing but men. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and infamy.

12 The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals; he shapes an idol with hammers, he forges it with the might of his arm. He gets hungry and loses his strength; he drinks no water and grows faint.

13 The carpenter measures with a line and makes an outline with a marker; he roughs it out with chisels and marks it with compasses. He shapes it in the form of man, of man in all his glory, that it may dwell in a shrine.

14 He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak. He let it grow among the trees of the forest, or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow.

15 It is man's fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it.

16 Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm; I see the fire."

17 From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, "Save me; you are my god."

18 They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so that they cannot see, and their minds closed so that they cannot understand.

19 No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, "Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"

20 He feeds on ashes, a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, "Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?"

Exodus 20:1-5

1 And God spoke all these words:

2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God . . ."



the idolatrous loves

IS.44:20 – “this thing in my right hand”

- ✓ many LOVE the IDOLS of worldly PROFIT and POSSESSIONS
- ✓ many LOVE the IDOLS of worldly POSITION and POWER
- ✓ many LOVE the IDOLS of worldly PLEASURES and PASSIONS
- ✓ many LOVE the IDOLS of worldly PLANS and PRIORITIES

the incredible lies

IS.44:20 – “Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?”

- ✓ LIE #1 from the idol: “I DISTRIBUTE PROTECTION and PEACE”
- ✓ LIE #2 from the idol: “I’m DEVOTED to your PROSPERITY”
- ✓ LIE #3 from the idol: “I DEMAND your PRIORITY”
- ✓ LIE #4 from the idol: “I DESERVE your PRAISE and PROMOTION”

the immortal laugh

PS.2:4 – “The One enthroned in heaven laughs.”

- ✓ Almighty God MOCKS the PRODUCTION of such idols
- ✓ Almighty God MOCKS the POWERLESSNESS of such idols
- ✓ Almighty God MOCKS the PRAISE of such idols

the indisputable LORD

EX.20:2 – “I am the LORD your God.”

- ✓ the LORD has declared his undeniable and unshared AUTHORITY
- ✓ the LORD has displayed his unparalleled AVAILABILITY
- ✓ the LORD demands our undivided ALLEGIANCE
- ✓ the LORD desires and deserves our unhindered AFFECTION
- ✓ the LORD has determined a universal and unavoidable ACCOUNTING