

# The Failure of God's People to Live like the Redeemed

## Isaiah 43:22–28

<p><b>1. <i>The charge</i></b></p> <p>a. You have not prayed to, worshipped or approached God as He prescribed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not sought Him with a pure, righteous heart</li> <li>• Not sought to be cleansed by the blood of the sacrifice</li> </ul> <p>b. You have not faithfully brought your special offerings to the LORD</p> <p>c. You have burdened the Lord with your sins</p> <p><b>2. <i>The appeal of the Lord: He alone blots out your transgressions</i></b></p> <p><b>3. <i>The trial of hypocrites</i></b></p> <p>a. God's demand: Prove your case, your innocence</p> <p>b. God's charge: Your ancestors — even leaders — have always sinned</p> <p>c. God's judgment: The religious leaders will be disgraced and the people destroyed</p>	<p>22 “Yet you have not called on me, Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, Israel.</p> <p>23 You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honoured me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense.</p> <p>24 You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your offenses.”</p> <p>25 “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.</p> <p>26 Review the past for me, let us argue the matter together; state the case for your innocence.</p> <p>27 Your first father sinned; those I sent to teach you rebelled against me.</p> <p>28 So I have disgraced the dignitaries of your temple; I consigned Jacob to destruction and Israel to scorn.</p>
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**God's People Are Set Free by His Promise:  
He will Help Israel (Redeemed Believers)**

**Isaiah 44:01–08**

**1. *God helps by assuring  
the redeemed:  
They belong to Him***

- 1) Because He created them
- 2) Because He chose them  
to be His servants
- 3) Because He helps them:  
Delivers from fear v. 2, 8

**2. *God helps by pouring  
His blessings on the land  
and His Spirit on true believers.***

- 1) The redeemed and  
their descendants will prosper
- 2) The unbeliever  
who is redeemed  
will unashamedly identify  
with the LORD and His people

**3. *God helps by declaring  
His pre-eminence —  
who He is***

- 1) He is their King and Redeemer
- 2) He is the LORD Almighty
- 3) He is the First and the Last
- 4) He alone is God

1 “But now listen, Jacob,  
my servant, Israel,  
whom I have chosen.

2 This is what the Lord says —  
he who made you,  
who formed you in the womb,  
and who will help you:  
Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant,  
Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;  
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.

4 They will spring up like grass in a meadow,  
like poplar trees by flowing streams.

5 Some will say,  
‘I belong to the LORD’;  
others will call themselves  
by the name of Jacob;  
still others will write on their hand,  
‘The LORD’s’,  
and will take the name of Israel.

6 This is what the LORD says —  
Israel’s King and Redeemer,  
the LORD Almighty;  
I am the first,  
and I am the last;  
apart from me there is no God.

**4. *God helps by proving  
no one is like Him***

- a. He alone appointed Israel long ago to be His people
- b. He alone knows the future: He is omniscient, knowing all things

**5. *God helps by delivering  
the redeemed from fear  
and captivity***

- a. He had foretold the events
- b. The redeemed bear witness to God's deliverance

**6. *God helps by giving assurance:  
He is the Rock,  
the only foundation to life***

7 Who then is like me?  
Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and lay out before me  
what has happened  
since I established my ancient people,  
and what is yet to come —  
yes, let them foretell what will come.

8 Do not tremble,  
do not be afraid.  
Did I not proclaim this  
and foretell it long ago?  
You are my witnesses.  
Is there any God besides me?  
No,  
there is no other Rock;  
I know not one.”