

Isa 44:21 – 45:17
The Lord's Work
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God forgives and redeems Isa 44:21-28

The Lord's redemption 44:21-23

21 "Remember these things, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. 22 "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." 23 Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the LORD has redeemed Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory.

He has created us. (also in Isa 43:1, 21; 44:2, 24)

He will not forget you.

Isa 49:15-16 "Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. 16 "Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Anthropomorphism, Forgetting and not forgetting are attributed to God.

Anthropomorphism = Representation of God in the form of a human being in speech or writing. "Anthropomorphism," derived from two Greek words, means literally "human form-ism." It can refer both to a proper, biblical representation of God and to an improper, even corrupt, manner of representing deity. (For other instances of this figure see Ps 9:18; 42:9; 74:23; Job 11:6; Isa 49:15; Jer 23:39; Hos 4:6; Am 8:7; Lk 12:6)

Our sins have been wiped clean.

Ac 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord (Ps 32:1-2; 51:1, 9; Isa 43:25)

We can return to Him because he has redeemed us.

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

He reveals His glory through us. (2Cor 3:7-18)

2Cor 3:7-10 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory. 10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it.

2Cor 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

What our Redeemer does 44:24-25

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone, 25 Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness,

He formed you in the womb (Ps 139:13-16).

He is the maker, Creator of all things.

Jn 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Israel and Jerusalem shall be rebuilt Isa 24:26-28

26 Confirming the word of His servant And performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!' And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.' And I will raise up her ruins again. 27 "It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!' And I will make your rivers dry. 28 "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

The clouds will pour forth righteousness Isa 45:8

8 "Drip down, O heavens, from above, And let the clouds pour down righteousness; Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit, And righteousness spring up with it. I, the LORD, have created it.

"Drop down, O heavens"; literally = distil, O heavens (Dt 32:1; Job 36:28); or rain down on the thirsty earth your gracious influences. Let righteousness descend afresh from the skies to the benefit of mankind.

"Let the earth open up" Let earth make due response, opening her gentle bosom and blossoming with human righteousness, the fruit and evidence of salvation.

The work of the Messiah and God's sons Isa 45:11-13

11 Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons, And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands. 12 "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands And I ordained all their host. 13 "I have aroused him in righteousness And I will make all his ways smooth; He will build My city and will let My exiles go free, Without any payment or reward," says the LORD of hosts.

"the Holy One of Israel" This title for God is frequently used in Isaiah to emphasize God's holiness.

Emphasis is upon God as creator of Israel and God's sons.

"I have aroused him in righteousness" = Jesus

"He will build My city"

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, (Heb 13:14; Psa 48:2; 87:3; Mt 5:35; Eph 2:19; Phil 3:20; Rev 3:12; 21:2, 10; 22:19)

and will let My exiles go free,

Gal 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. (Gal 5:13; Jn 8:32 -36; Rom 6:18,22; 2Cor 3:17; 1Pt 2:16)

Without any payment or reward,"

1Cor 6:20 For you have been bought with a price ... (1Cor 7:23)

"Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons"

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Gal 4:5-7; Jn 1:12; Rom 8:14-17; 9:26; 2Cor 6:18; Heb 2:11, 14; 12:6-8; 1Jn 3:1-2)

Everlasting salvation Isa 45:17

17 Israel has been saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You will not be put to shame or humiliated To all eternity.

“**everlasting salvation**” literally, a salvation of ages; i.e. one which will continue age after age.
Israel has been saved by the LORD

Rom 11:25-26 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”

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