

Remember These Things, O Jacob!

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Introduction: How to spot counterfeit money... Know the genuine article really well.

1-5 Israel the LORD's Chosen

[1] "But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!

[2] Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you:

Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

[3] For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

[4] They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.

[5] This one will say, 'I am the LORD's,' another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and name himself by the name of Israel."

6-8 Besides Me There Is No God

[6] Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

[7] Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

[8] Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

9-20 The Folly of Idolatry

[9] All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit.

Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame.

[10] Who fashions a god... [11] Behold, all his companions... the craftsmen [12] The ironsmith ...

[13-20] The carpenter ... He takes a part of it and warms himself; ... Also he makes a god ...

21-28 The LORD Redeems Israel

[21] Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

[22] I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

[23] Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; ... For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

[24-28] Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb:

"I am the LORD, who made all things, ... who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' ...

who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose';

saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

Key Verse: Isaiah 44:22 Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

THE POINT: The Church should know the difference between idols and God.

Applying these verses:

1 God has formed you to be His servant in Jesus.

2 He will never forget you.

3 Remember him, and be strong in the Lord!

Old Testament Reading—Ecclesiastes 4 – Companionship in a World of Toil

Gospel Reading—Matthew 9:14-17 – New and Old

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 6 – Be Strong in the Lord

44:21 Remember These Things, O Jacob

1. God formed you. You are His servant .

In Jesus you are His servant.

And yet, much more than a servant,

In Jesus you are a son.

Remember these things, O Jacob,

And Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

2. I'll never forget, O Jacob.

My Jacob whom I have chosen.

I'll pour My Spirit upon you

Now sing it: "I am the LORD's!"

Remember these things, O Jacob,

And Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

3. In Jesus be strong, O Jacob.

Together you I have chosen.

The One, the Only, Jehovah.

None other, I-AM, Your God.

Remember these things, O Jacob,

And Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.