



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 01

## ISAIAH 44:1-5

God is so much better than we have imagined Him to be. His heart is generous and kind. He loves beyond measure. As we read these verses, let your heart be reminded of just how amazing God is. He “formed you from the womb: He will help you” (v. 2). He gives His Spirit and pours out blessings (see v. 3). We could not invent a better God than the One who truly exists. He is great and deserves our full allegiance and worship. Serve Him with all your might this week.

WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU ABOUT GOD IN ISAIAH 44:1-5?

HOW HAS GOD HELPED YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE?

WHAT ARE THE WAYS HE HAS BLESSED YOU?

DAY 02

## ISAIAH 44:6-8

HOW MIGHT YOU BE BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON A FOUNDATION OTHER THAN GOD?

WHY IS IT ALWAYS BEST TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON CHRIST?

HOW CAN YOU TRUST JESUS WITH YOUR FUTURE?

Jesus is the only foundation to build your life on. “There is no other Rock” (v. 8). He is a foundation because He is the first and the last (see v. 6). He knows the future (see v. 7). Build your life upon the sure foundation of Christ. He knows what is ahead in your life, and He will lead you to His wise and good path. No one else can do what He can do in your life, so build everything on the Rock.

DAY 03

## ISAIAH 44:9-11

In the end, rejecting God and living your own way will lead to shame. In Isaiah 44:9-11, the author used the word “shame” three times. Each time, it describes the future for someone who turns away from God. The world may try to shame and embarrass you for living for Jesus, but that shame will not last forever. There is a shame before God that is far greater. But remember the words of Paul: “Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame” (Rom. 10:11).

HOW MIGHT ISAIAH 44:9-11 HELP YOU OVERCOME PEER PRESSURE?

HOW HAVE YOU FELT SHAMED FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING?

HOW CAN ROMANS 10:11 MOTIVATE YOU TO LIVE FOR GOD EVEN WHEN IT IS NOT POPULAR?

# ISAIAH 44:12-20

HOW MIGHT YOU WORSHIP THINGS MADE BY HUMAN HANDS?

WHY DOES IDOLATRY NOT MAKE ANY SENSE?

HOW CAN WE OVERCOME THE TENDENCY TO GIVE OUR WORSHIP TO THINGS?

Isaiah explained how irrational idolatry is. We take things we have made ourselves, and then bow down to them as if they are our maker. When we read these verses, we can think, “They were so dumb for doing that.” But maybe we should consider how we do things that are similar. Think about the things made by human hands that we bow down to with our lives: phones, tv, cars, shoes, clothing, and the like. It’s possible that we worship things more than we think we do. Worship your Maker and use the things He’s made for His glory.

# ISAIAH 44:21-23

God is more merciful than you think He is. Just look at Isaiah 44:21-23. You will never be forgotten by God (see v. 21). He has swept away your sins and redeemed you (see v. 22). He glorifies Himself through you (see v. 23). After all of Israel’s sin, God still wanted to redeem them and be faithful to them. And the same is true of you too. Despite your failures, God still wants you. He loves you and will use you for His glory. There is no God like the Lord.

HOW MIGHT YOU STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE GOD STILL WANTS YOU?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW GOD WOULD WELCOME YOU?

HOW CAN YOU LIVE FOR GOD’S GLORY IN THIS SEASON OF YOUR LIFE?