

43:22 poignant passages in the whole Scripture, ~~xxx~~ God looks upon the people here, not as the one who is judging and condemning them for their sins, but as the loving Father who is4..... That is the veiwpoin of these next verses. v.2, "But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob....I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember thy sins." God's deliverance, God's redemption, God's love for His people, but His regret over their lack of gratitude, and their turning away from him5..... "Put me in remembrance...declare thou that thou mayest be justified." But the people holding back, and continuing in their sin. "Thy first father hath sinned and thy teachers have transgressed against me. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctu~~ary~~ary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches." What's the use~~d~~? What can you do? They have sinned against God, and He has cast them off into exile. "Yet now hear, O Jacob my 44:1 servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen..." (44;1) They have sinned against him, but the work is going to be accomplished, the work of the servant will be done. God is going to establish the work for which He called ~~Israel~~ Israel. "Thus saith the Lord that mde thee, and formed thee from the wombe" God's comfort and assurance that the work is going to be done. "Fear not, O Jacob my servant...For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty." God's wonderful outpouting of blessing is pormised, His deliverance. "And they shall spring up as water among the grass, as weillows by the water courses. One shall say, I am the Lord's and another shall call himself by the naem of Jacob..." His work is going to be accomplished. v.6 "Thus saith the Lord, the king of Israel...I am the first, and the last." God's omnipotence, God's power. "Beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call..." Omniscience again. Declaring in advance what is going to happen. "Since I appointed the ancient people.....yeat there is no God; I know not any..." Idolatry, ~~xx~~ v.9,10,11, 12, 13, 14, idolatry, 15, 16, 17. A great passage on idolatry, and running on through 18 and 19 and 20. The fut~~u~~ility of idol worship, compared with the greatness of God. 21, "Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant..." God has called Israel to be His servant, and His work is going to