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Favor of the LORD (1-5) ***because we are in Christ – the beloved Son whom He loves***

Created by Him (Psalm 24:1 / Deuteronomy 32:6) ***He made us and we are His***  
Chosen by Him (Ephesians 1:3-4) ***before the foundations of the world***  
Consecrated by His Spirit (II Corinthians 1:21-22) ***Dwelling in us and sealing us unto Him***  
Called by His Name (Isaiah 43:1 / Ephesians 3:14-15) ***Under the banner of His Name***

Foretelling of events (6-8) ***God knows all of history from beginning to end***

He is the First and the Last (Revelation 1:8; 22:13) ***has always been and will always be***  
He declared both the past and the future (Isaiah 41:22-24) ***Gen. (Moses) Rev. (John)***  
He is the only God (Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:38-39) ***God is One – there is no other***

Foolishness of idols (9-20) ***Man fashions or imagines what is greater than man???***

They are nothing (Psalm 115:4-8) ***No ability to do anything***  
Those who speak for them are nothing (Matthew 28:18) ***they have no authority***  
Those who make them are nothing (I Corinthians 4:7) ***all we have is from God***  
They are lies (John 8:44) ***to worship an idol is to worship the father of lies***  
Those who worship them worship what is false (II Corinthians 10:3-5)  
Those who bow to them are deluded and misled (II Thessalonians 2:9-10)  
***Strongholds that lead us away from God***

Future restoration (21-23) ***God's promise to His people***

Remember these things – God verses idols / Truth verses lies (Joshua 24:15) ***choose!***  
Restored by God – all our offenses are swept away (Psalm 103:10-12 / Micah 7:18-19)  
Return to Him and be redeemed (Hosea 14:1-2) ***He offers forgiveness and restoration***

Final authority (24-28) ***which is why we refer to Him as our Lord***

Formed by Him (Psalm 139:13-14) ***fearfully and wonderfully made for His purpose***  
Foil the false prophets (Psalm 33:9-10 / II Peter 2:17-22) ***they come up short***  
Fools of diviners and the wise and learned (I Corinthians 1:20-21; 3:18-20) ***truth in Him***  
Fulfills all His predictions (Joshua 21:45 / II Corinthians 1:20) ***we can count on them***  
Foundations of His temple are rebuilt (I Corinthians 3:12-17 / Ephesians 2:19-22)  
***He has a purpose for each temple – including us (His church & His children)***

## Discussion questions for Isaiah 44

What blessing belong to those who have God's favor? (those who are in Christ Jesus)

(Psalm 103:1-5 / Romans 8:1-2; 31-33; 38-39)

***Forgiven, healed, redeemed, crowned, satisfied and renewed – blessing all mine with 10,000 beside. Secure in my present and my future with Him. Knowing that God is on my side, I have nothing to fear, nothing can separate me from His love.***

What can lead us to worship idols? What results from having idols in our lives?

(Matthew 13:22 / Ephesians 5:3-7 / I Timothy 6:6-11 / Hosea 9:10 / Hebrews 11:25-26)

***When we become anxious, we can be tempted to turn toward any solution to our problems rather than wait on the Lord. Sexual temptation and the love of money our weaknesses that can draw us into idolatry. We become vile ourselves when we turn to idols, choosing the temporary pleasures over eternal rewards.***

What is the path to restoration with God? How does this apply to our daily lives?

(John 3:5-8 / Psalm 32:3-6 / I John 1:9 / Romans 12:1-2)

***We must first be born again, there is no power within ourselves that can change our hearts. As a follower of God we need to keep short accounts, confessing our sins and desiring to have fellowship with our Creator restored. We need to surrender our lives daily to Him. We need to have our thinking renewed through a growing knowledge of His will as revealed to us through His Word.***

How does the knowledge of our Lord's authority over all things (past – present – future) impact our daily lives? (II Peter 1:3-9 / Matthew 28:18-20)

***Recognizing that He has provide everything we need to live godly lives and grow in Him. Remembering that He has already forgiven all our sins, every day is a new day with Him. Realizing that He is our Lord, having authority over every aspect of my life and being willing to follow His charge to share His love and His gospel message everywhere we go.***

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