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**SERIES: Isaiah, Part 2 (Comfort For His People)**

**TITLE: Program 11 – I Am The Lord**

**MONDAY**

**OPEN**

Do you know what I would love to do with you? I would like to ask you a question. I would like to ask you, “What do you love about God the most. What is it about God that draws you to Him and attracts you to Him? And tell me how has that particular knowledge of God impacted the way that you handle the issues of life?” This is what we’ll talk about today as we continue our study in Isaiah.

**PART ONE**

If you and I were to have the opportunity to sit here at this table, which, wouldn’t it be fun? It would be great just to be face to face with you and talk. I would ask you, “What do you really believe about God. Tell me what your concept of God is. And how much is God on your mind? I mean, as you go through the day, as you face different situations of life, is God ever on your mind? What about what you believe? Is the information about God correct?” Do you know, Precious One, that what you believe about God can

actually impact the way that you behave, the way that you react to different situations of life. I'm reading a book and it's called, "Could It Be This Simple" and it's by a doctor, an M.D., by the name of Dr. Jennings. And as I had this book put into my hands, I don't know how I got it, but I know that it was God that gave it to me. And as I was reading it; it's all about the mind and it's all about what we believe and how our beliefs affect our bodies and how they affect our health and how they affect our behavior. And as I looked at it I was just sifting this all through the Word of God, which is what he has done. He sifted this information about the brain through the Word of God and he's seen the parallel. In his book he was telling about a Hindu sect, that worship the rat god. There's actually a temple to the rat god. There's actually a statue of a rat. And these people who are very very poor come to this temple to worship the rat. Now because of the sanitation and that, there are rats running all over this temple. When they come to worship him they bring their grain offering and the rats running around the temple—the rat god can't eat it, because he has a mouth, but he can't open it, and he has paws, but he can't get to it, but when they lay this before the rat god the other rats come and really enjoy the sacrifice. Do you know that these people think it would be an honor to be bitten by a rat? Do you know that because they believe in reincarnation and because they worship the rat god that it is their dream, their ambition to become a rat in the next life? Now can you imagine in your mind going from a human being that is able to walk and talk and reason and communicate and have relationships to going to a rat? It so reminds me of Romans chapter 1, which says when men knew God they glorified Him not as God, but they became vain in their imaginations. Their foolish heart, and the heart and mind are interchangeable, their foolish heart was darkened, professing to be wise they became fools, and they changed the glory of and incorruptible God into an image made like man or made like creeping critters. (See Romans 1:21-25) In other words, these four legged little animals or, like a rat, or like a monkey or whatever, or like an

elephant, because you find all of this in Hinduism. You find these people worshipping 333 million gods. And as they worship those gods they take all these different forms. These people that worship the rat god would never dream of killing a rat. As a matter of fact, because they believe in reincarnation, they don't want to kill any animal because they think it was once a human being. And yet, if you stop and think about the rat and the history of wild rats; I'm not talking about laboratory rats that we learn things from, but I'm talking about rats that spread disease, you stop and think about the bubonic plague and when that plague came to Europe and killed millions. It came through rats, rats that got off the ships, rats that had fleas, rats; and those fleas bit the people and spread the bubonic plague. The god that they worshiped literally, in a sense, destroyed them. And I will tell you this, Precious One, if you are not worshiping God, the one and only true God, as He really is, you're going to be destroyed. This week, we're going to look at the latter portion of Isaiah 44 and we're going to do Isaiah 44, 45 and 46. And as we do, what I want you to see and understand is the importance of the knowledge that is in your mind and how that knowledge can affect you and in a sense, shape the destiny of your life. So we're going to be looking at some very important things. Now what dominates your thinking? I'm gonna give you some questions throughout this week. And you might want to write them down. First of all, what dominates your thinking? What controls your behavior? Right now, my husband and I are going through tremendous trials. It's like a trial, upon a trial, upon a trial, upon a trial. And the last one is one that just never occurred to us that we would ever go through. It's a heart-wrenching, devastating, devastating trial. How are we making it through the trial? How are we able to sleep? How are we able to go on? Because if I had the liberty to share it with you, you would probably say, "How are you?" I'm able to do that because of what controls my mind. Because what controls my mind is the image and the knowledge of God; a true image, a true knowledge of God, because of all the years that

I have spent studying the Bible inductively, because of all the truth I have discovered about God for myself. It's like Psalm 119, verse 102. And it says, **"I have not turned aside from Your [commandments]..."**, why? Because **"...You Yourself have taught me." (Psalm 119:102)** So as I ask you this, what dominates your thinking, what controls your behavior, what gives you purpose, Beloved? What is giving me purpose in this? What is giving me direction in this? And what is giving me, and I want to call it unity, what is unity? When I'm talking about this I'm talking about—it's the glue, it's the truth that holds every aspect of your life in sync, in sync. You see sometimes we go to church, we profess to know God, and yet, out here in the marketplace we lie, or we steal, or we fornicate, or we swear. So there's no unity in our lives, because over here we're professing to know Christ and over here we're denying Him by the very way that we live. So what gives your life purpose? What gives your life direction? What gives your life unity? What is the glue that holds you together? And I will tell you this, in all of this that we're going through, the glue that holds us together is the knowledge of our God. It is the promises of our God. It is the assurance that God is going to be with us all the days of our life and not one thing that comes our way, are we unable to handle, because we know God, and we know that He's promised, that He will not give us anything more than we can bear. The next thing I want to ask you is what inspires you? What lights your fire? What gives you the passion or the inspiration to go on? Are you inspired by yourself or are you inspired by God? What we focus on, what you and I focus on, what we behold; behold means what we look at what we stare at, what we see, and what you and I glorify. Now when I say "glorify" I'm saying what you and I give weight to, what you and I value, what you and I say, "This is worthy of this." To glorify something means to look at its weight, to look at its worth, to look at its value. But what you and I focus on, what you and I behold, and what you and I glorify, listen very carefully, is what you and I become. This week, all this week we're going to focus on

God. In this week I'm going to give you nine things that you need to realize and hang on to and hold to that are laid out for us in Isaiah chapter 44, from verse 24 on, through Isaiah 46. And I promise you that if you'll get a hold of those nine things, you will be able to stand firm no matter what comes your way because we're going to focus on what you are thinking. I want you to look at 2 Corinthians chapter 3. In 2 Corinthians chapter 3, what Paul has been talking about is, he's been talking about the old covenant and then coming into the new covenant. And it says that when you move from the law to grace it's like a veil comes off of your eyes. And he makes this statement, **"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror...."** In other words we're looking to see ourselves. **"But...with [an] unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord...." (2 Corinthians 3:18)** As we look at who God really is, as we see Him as He really is, as we give Him the weight that belongs to Him, as we have a true knowledge of Him, it says we **"...are being transformed into the same image....,"** into the image of what we're seeing, **"...from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)** Now what does all that mean? Well, it's very important that you understand what it means. So while we take a quick break I want you to make sure that you get here on time. I don't want you to miss a word.

## **PART TWO**

Welcome back. I hope you saw that important announcement that we gave you because we want to communicate with you. I want to have an on-going relationship with you. Precept Ministries International is more than radio; it's more than television; it's more than Internet. It is about relationships. It is about teaching and training people how to study the Bible, how to teach it to others, how to have a ministry in the Word of God. It's in 150 countries. It is in 70 languages. We have Bible studies in your language and there's nothing like studying the Bible in your own language. Well, as we look at

this and as we do this study I also want to tell you that you can download a free study guide that goes with Isaiah by going to [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com), [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com) and you can download the study guide. We'll teach you the basics of observation. We'll show you how to study the Word of God so you can discover truth for yourself. And then of course we have books that will take you even deeper and even farther, and then studies that you can go to and see on the Internet. I mean, we are all about you knowing God. We want to establish you in God's Word. And so that's why I'm here. And I want to thank you also for supporting the program. It is very, very expensive to do media, and only by the grace of God and the gifts of God's people are we able to do what we do. So just please know that we deeply, deeply appreciate any partnership that you can give us. All right, now I left you in 2 Corinthians chapter 3. We're studying Isaiah. We're going to get there, but I left you and asking you the question: what are you focusing on? What are you beholding? What are you, in a sense, glorifying, giving weight to? You see if you read a lot of Christian novels and you're not reading the Word of God, or not studying the Word of God that's what you're giving weight to. And so what you're putting in your brain are stories that you love or fascinate you and characters, but it's not the Word of God. What do you watch on television? What do you tune to on the Internet? What are you saying, what are you blogging and all of that? What are you doing? It'll tell me a lot about you. Well in 2 Corinthians chapter 3 it says that we behold the Lord as in a mirror. And as we behold Him we are changed from glory to glory. (See 2 Corinthians 3:18) In other words under Adam you and I got our image all messed up, because Adam was created in the image of God. But Adam sinned, and because we are connected, DNA connected to Adam, then we are born in sin. But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, who showed us what it was like for a man to live in the image of God. He was tempted in all points like you and I are, but He never sinned. He never did anything that displeased the Father. So when we behold as in the mirror

the glory of the Lord, when we look at Jesus in a mirror we see what we are supposed to be. And then because God gives us His Spirit and puts His Spirit inside of us and He takes the veil off of our eyes, as more and more and more as you spend time with God and time in the Word of God, you're changed into the image of God. Now I told you that I had a book that was given to me, "Could It Be This Simple?" and it's by Timothy R. Jennings, M.D. And it's a biblical model for healing the mind. But one of the things that he tells us is about the new brain studies that they are able to do now. It's even brain imaging that tell us a lot about the power of the mind. So as we look at Isaiah, we're going to be looking all this week at, at God. We're going to be looking at principles and precepts about God. And what we're going to put into our mind can greatly affect us. It can greatly impact us because God says, [As a man thinks in his heart, and He's talking about the heart and mind, interchangeable, so he is.] (PARAPHRASE Proverbs 23:7) [Guard your heart with all diligence because out of it, out of the mind come the issues of life.] (PARAPHRASE Proverbs 4:23) And so he tells us that we are to bring **"...every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ."** (2 Corinthians 10:5) He tells us that we are to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. (See 2 Corinthians 10:6) He tells us that we're to [think on whatever things are lovely and true and virtuous and praiseworthy and etc., and if we think on those things then we'll have peace.] (PARAPHRASE Philippians 4:8) So he tells us in Romans chapter 12 that when we come to know God we **"...present our bodies [to Him]...."** And then we are to **"...be transformed [changed]...."** how? **"...By the renewing of our mind."** (Romans 12:1-2) So what he's telling us in this book is what the Bible has already told us, only now they're able to look at the brain, they're able to image brains, they're able to see what happens when a person has a problem, let's say, with addiction or a problem with ADD, what happens to their brain. They have found out that the brain, and this is very important, can

actually rewire itself based on the things that we think, the things that we see, the things that we do, the things that we experience. Now listen carefully. When we think, believe, admire, and worship we create neuro-pathways in our brain and it changes the neuro network. The way he explains it is so good. And Dr. Amen explains it the same way, A-m-e-n. And he's the one that started the brain imaging. And he saw that the brain is like hardware in a computer. It has neuro-pathways. But then you have to add the software. The software is what we think, what we believe, what we admire, what we worship. That's the software. And that software used over and over and over again can actually change or alter the neural pathway or the neural network of the brain. So what are we going to do? We have to know and understand that what we think about God is vital because it shapes the way we live, the way we behave, the way we handle problems. Now when we go to the Word of God and we look, and I want you to turn there for just a minute, because that's about all that we have. But when we look at Isaiah chapter 44 through 46 one of the things that God keeps saying is this. Look at verse 5 of chapter 45. **"I am the LORD, and there is no other; beside Me there is no God."** And then He goes on to say, "There is no one besides Me." **"I am the LORD...there is no other...." (Isaiah 45:5)** Do you get it? There is no rat god. There is no other god. He is the only one that is God. [But He forms light and He creates darkness. He creates well-being and He creates adversity. He is the LORD that does all these things.] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 45:6-7) Now when I know that and understand that about God and I understand the attributes of God then whatever comes my way I'm able to handle it. And I'm able to handle it because I've got the right knowledge in my brain and I'm able to react in the right way. This is what is ahead of us this week. It is very, very important. It is very, very critical. This is a week you don't want to miss.