

1. 先祷告：（求天父帮助自己安静和专注）

2. 读经文： **以赛亚书 第43章**

3. 想一想：（★主要思考建议）

- 耶和華神表明祂与以色列民的关系：祂是创造、救赎、爱他们的主（1~7节），而这民的使命是要成为祂的见证（8~13、21节）。今天我们如何回应神的爱？我们可有成为神的见证？
- ★ 为以色列民的缘故，神要击打巴比伦（14~15节）。神叫他们不要受以前的历史所限制（18节），包括出埃及过红海（16~17节），因为神答应为他们行新事（19~21节）。神为民做了这么多，但得到的反应却是：没有用心去求告神（22节）；他们的献祭只为仪式而不是尊敬神；充满罪孽（23~24节）。神却愿意不记子民的过犯（25节），他们受的刑罚都只是神的管教（26~28节）。我们可体会神的心肠？体会一个慈父的痛？

4. 读经文： **以赛亚书 第44章**

5. 参 考：

- 本章对波斯王古列（有译作居鲁士或塞鲁士）的预言，有认为不是以赛亚所提，是后人补上。但这却否定了先知预言的能力；神的默示可以是明确的。

6. 想一想：（★主要思考建议）

- ★ 神再次提出赎民与祂的关系（1~5节），只有耶和華才是真神（6~8节）！也因为这个关系，赎民的罪已被涂抹，不再被记念（21~23节）。这被救赎的观念，到主耶稣来世上之后，我们就更清楚了（参太廿28；路廿四21；罗三24；加四5；弗一7；西一14）！今天同样我们过犯得以赦免，可体会是多么蒙恩？我们有这与真神的关系，应该如何成为祂的见证？
- 以赛亚用了很长的篇幅讽刺造偶像又拜偶像之人的愚昧（9~20节）！今天我们可也会把自己的作为当成自己的偶像？

7. 当祷告：亲爱的天父，谢谢祢\_\_\_\_\_，  
求祢帮助我\_\_\_\_\_，奉主耶稣名求，阿们！

8. 速行动：神造就我们，不忘记我们，救赎了我们，我愿意\_\_\_\_\_！

9. 金句（或本章要点）\_\_\_\_\_

**1.Pray:** (Heavenly Father, please quiet my heart and focus my mind)

**2.Read:**

## Isaiah Chapter 43

**3.Ponder:** (★key point to ponder)

- The Lord God proclaimed His relationship with the Israelites that He is their God who created them, redeemed them, and loved them (v. 1-7). The mission of the Israelites was to be His witnesses (v. 8-13, 21). How do we respond to God's love today? Are we His witnesses?
- ★ For the sake of the Israelites, God would strike Babylon (v. 14-15). God told the Israelites not to be bound by the past (v. 18), including their departure from Egypt and crossing the Red Sea (v. 16-17), as God promised to do new things for them (v. 19-21). Despite God doing so much for the Israelites, the response He got from them was that they did not call on Him with their hearts (v. 22). Their offerings were merely rituals rather than honouring God, full of sins (v. 23-24). Yet, God was willing to keep no record of their transgressions (v. 25). Their punishment was simply God's way of disciplining them (v. 26-28). Why can we not realise God's intention and feel the pain of a loving Father?

**4.Read:**

## Isaiah Chapter 44

**5.Reference:**

- Some believe that the prophecy against Cyrus, the king of Persia, was not from Isaiah; rather, it was supplemented by someone after Isaiah's time. This, however, denies the prophetic power of the prophets. Actually, divine inspiration can be explicit.

**6.Ponder:** (★key point to ponder)

- ★ God once again states His relationship with the redeemed (v. 1-5) that only the Lord is the true God (v. 6-8). It is also because of this relationship that the sins of the redeemed have been wiped away and would no longer be remembered (v. 21-23). This concept of redemption becomes clearer after the Lord Jesus came into the world (see Mt 20:28; Lk 24:21; Ro 3:24; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14)! Today, our sins have been forgiven. Do we realise how blessed we are? Having such a relationship with the true God, what can we do to be His witnesses?
- Isaiah derided in detail the ignorance of those who made and worshipped idols (v. 9-20)! Do we also take our own accomplishments as our idols?

**7.Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for \_\_\_\_\_

Please help me to \_\_\_\_\_ In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!

**8.Act:** God created us, will not forget us, and has redeemed us. I am willing to \_\_\_\_\_

**9.Key Verse** (or Key point) \_\_\_\_\_