

## ***Covid-19: An Idol Buster***

Isaiah 44:6-23 NIV

*Is God even aware of this pandemic?*

### **1. GOD KNOWS ALL AND IS ALWAYS UP TO GOOD!** (Isaiah 44:6-8)

**Isaiah 44:8** *“Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”*

**Romans 8:28 ESV** *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

### **2. OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM: WE ARE IDOL FACTORIES.** (Isaiah 44:9-20)

**Isaiah 44:9** *All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.*

**Isaiah 44:16-17** *Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, “Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.” From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, “Save me! You are my god!”*

*God is using Coronavirus-12 as an **ICONOCLAST**: a breaker of our most cherished cultural idols.*

### **3. GOD USES PANDEMICS TO DISPLAY HIS POWER AND GLORY TO ALL.**

**Exodus 9:13b–16** *“Let my people go, so that they may worship me, or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth. For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”* (see also Romans 9:17)

**Rev. 9:20** *The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.*

*What is God trying to tell us in this pandemic?*

### **4. GOD SAYS, “RETURN TO ME, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU.”**

**Isaiah 44:21-22** *“Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”*

*Has God gotten your attention through this pandemic? What is your response?*

**Jonah 2:8 NIV84** *“Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.*