

No Other

Isaiah 43:10-13

Sermon Outline

A. It's a Fact Not a Story (vs. 10):

1. If disputed by the nation of Israel, the truth of all the Lord has done can be established, even if it is legally challenged.
2. God's Personal Pronouns: "My witnesses" (vs. 10), "My servant" (vs. 10), "believe Me" (vs. 10), "I am He" (vs. 10), "I", "I am the Lord" (vs. 11), "It is I" (vs. 12), "My witnesses" (vs.12), "I am God" (vs. 12), "I am H"" (vs. 13), "My hand" (vs.13), "I act" (vs. 13).
3. The Lord can confidently establish Israel as His witnesses because of all He has done for them.
4. Because of His covenant with Israel, the Lord sustains His relationship with Israel forever.
5. Israel is to remain humbly ready to do what the Lord says because they solely belong to Him ("my servants").
6. The Lord made a well thought out decision by carefully selecting Israel to be His servants.
7. Israel can know from their experiences when the Lord is functioning.
8. Their experience of the Lord should lead them to have an enduring trust which should cause them to stand firm in Him no matter what they may be experiencing.
9. Being the Lord's witnesses should cause them to fully trust in Him and enable them to distinguish the Lord from all other gods.
10. In the presence of God (notice Isaiah switched to God when speaking of other gods, but Lord when talking to His people), especially with a full knowledge of God no other god should be in His face.
11. Everything they know, and experience should cause them not to construct any other god.
13. Forever and forever the Lord is the only God so there is none that preceded Him or will come after Him.

B. There is NO One Greater (vs. 11-12):

1. "I am" means there is absolutely no other god, and the Lord needs no help because He is powerful and has authority to do sovereignly all He intends to do.
2. We must always remember that **no one ("I am")** has the ability to remove us from life's burdens, catastrophes, oppressive circumstances, and dangers.
3. The Lord continues to speak and is completely committed to expose what He is doing and will do.
4. Only the Lord can remove us from any danger or any overwhelming circumstance we may experience any day or moment of the week.

5. Everything that the people are hearing is being imparted by the Lord. When each person provides the Lord their complete and undivided attention they come to a full knowledge of what is being said.
6. The nation of Israel's testimony can be decisive because of all God has done before them.
7. This word "declare," seems limited only to be used by the Lord when He makes a declaration.
8. This declaration is being stated by the One who has all power and authority to make real all that He is stating.

C. NO Other is Worth Depending On (vs. 13):

1. "I am" (repeated several times) repeatedly signifies that the Lord is an existence that never ends, needs no help, and is absolute in Himself to complete all He plans to do.
2. The Lord is forever Lord; there is no end to His power, authority, and agenda.
3. **NO ONE** is faithful like the Lord, **NO ONE** has the power and authority as the Lord, **NO ONE** lives forever like the Lord.
4. The Lord's hand signifies His power, strength, His control, and we are His possession.
5. When God is at work, no one can stop Him, no one can get in His way and prevent Him from accomplishing His purposes.
6. No one can indefinitely cause any act of the Lord to account for nothing by becoming what it once was.
7. God is emphatic in describing Himself.
8. In our decision making we trust our feelings, experiences, education, and job experiences. Trusting in God's Word has become a religion or church and a set of verses that encourage us, not necessarily a way of life.