

## The God That Saves- The God That Blotteth Out Our Transgressions

The sixty six chapters of the Book of Isaiah contain much correction and rebuke. Through much of the first thirty nine chapters of this book we find the Lord, through the Prophet Isaiah, correcting His people. But the Book also contains much comfort to the people of God, both in that day and in ours. When we begin to read through the forty third chapter of this precious Book, we find the Lord comforting His people by giving them assurance of salvation and giving consolation of His mercy toward them in their faults and failures. Here in the year 2015 the children of God face the same challenges. We need assurance that God loves us and we need comfort that He will forgive our sins that we commit in our everyday lives in order that we may serve and have fellowship with God daily.

In Isaiah 43:11 we read, "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour." In this verse of scripture the Lord is reminding the Children of Israel that it was Him that brought them out of the Egyptian bondage and redeemed them with His out stretched hand. It was not by the power of any other but the Lord that created them (Isa 43:1). How sweet it was for an Israelite to understand that they were so precious in the Lord's sight that He would think on them when they were in the darkness of Egypt and bring them out with such grace and power. And today, dear child of grace, it's a precious comfort to understand that the Lord loved you enough to think on you in your fallen, dark state of sin. If you feel to be a condemned sinner, have a longing to do good, feel to be a believer in Jesus, these are all evidences that the Lord God of heaven and earth has looked upon you and saved you from your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Isaiah 43:25 we read, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Not only did the children of Israel need to be comforted with the assurance of belonging to God, but they also needed the sweet comfort of understanding that the Lord would forgive and cleanse them of their mistakes and errors so that they could walk in fellowship with Him. In the times that we live there are many people of God who believe that they are God's children, but yet struggle with past sins that hinder them from the joy and happiness of walking close to the Lord. Dear child of grace, the Lord that loved you enough to give His only Begotten Son for you is plenteous in mercy and truth to forgive us of our trespasses. In 1 John 1:9 we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The Lord is our God who saves, and our God who WILL blot out our transgressions. Amen!

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