

Isaiah 44:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

Analysis

All associates of idolaters will be ashamed, for their craftsmen are merely human. When gathered for judgment ('let them stand up'), they will fear and be ashamed together. The contrast is between God who knows the future and pronounces it, and craftsmen who can make an image but cannot give it life or power.

Historical Context

Isaiah anticipates a future reckoning when idol-makers and worshipers face the true God. Their collective shame will vindicate those who refused to participate in idolatry.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the prospect of future judgment affect current choices about what you worship?
2. What does it mean that idolatry's promoters are 'of men' - merely human?

Interlinear Text

כָּל הָאֱלֹהִים H2005	חִבְרֵי H3605	וְיִבְשׁוּ H2270	וְיִבְשׁוּ H954	וְעַמְּשָׁם H2796
	Behold all his fellows	and they shall be ashamed		and the workmen
הֵם הֵם H1992	מַעֲדָם H120	וְיִתְקַבְּצוּ H6908		כָּלָם H3605
	they are of men	let them all be gathered together		
וְיַעֲמֻדוּ H5975	וְיִפְחָדוּ H6342	וְיִבְשׁוּ H954		יחד: H3162
let them stand up	yet they shall fear	and they shall be ashamed		together

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 42:17 (Parallel theme): They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

Isaiah 45:16 (Parallel theme): They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

Isaiah 1:29 (Parallel theme): For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

Psalms 97:7 (Parallel theme): Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.