

# Isaiah 44:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

## Analysis

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Half the wood becomes practical fire - for roasting meat and warming ('Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire'). The satisfaction expressed over fire's practical benefit contrasts with what follows: the same wood becomes an object of worship. Fire actually does something; the idol does nothing.

## Historical Context

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The exclamation 'Aha, I am warm' captures genuine satisfaction from fire's utility. This authentic benefit contrasts sharply with the idol's complete inability to provide anything real.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do you distinguish between legitimate satisfaction in God's gifts and idolatrous trust in them?
2. What does the fire's real warmth teach about genuine versus false sources of satisfaction?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵךְ לֹא	בְּשֶׂרֶב	צָאֵן	שָׁבַע	בְּתוֹךְ	בְּתוֹךְ	עַל	אֵשׁ	עַל	צָאֵן	רְבָשׁ	וְאֵךְ
<b>part</b>	<b>He burneth</b>	<b>thereof in</b>	<b>the fire</b>			<b>part</b>	<b>flesh</b>	<b>thereof he eateth</b>			
H2677	H8313	H1119	H784			H2677	H1320	H398			
he roasteth	roast	and is satisfied		H637	I am warm	himself and saith		Aha			
H6740	H6748	H7646			H2552	H559		H1889			
וְאֵם רָם	וְאֵם רָם	מִפְּמוֹת	אָרֶן	בְּאֵת	וְאֵת	אָרֶן	וְאֵת	מִפְּמוֹת	וְאֵם רָם	וְאֵם רָם	מִפְּמוֹת
<b>I am warm</b>	<b>I have seen</b>	<b>the fire</b>									
H2552	H7200	H217									

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