

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

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

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

חֶצְיוֹ	שָׂרָה	בְּמוֹ	אֵשׁ	עַל	חֶצְיוֹ	בָּשָׂר	יֹאכֵל
part	He burneth	thereof in	the fire	H5921	part	flesh	thereof he eateth
H2677	H8313	H1119	H784		H2677	H1320	H398

יֶצֶלָה	צָלָה	וְיִשְׂבֹּעַ	אֵף	חֲמוּם	וְיֹאמַר	הֵאָח
he roasteth	roast	and is satisfied	H637	I am warm	himself and saith	Aha
H6740	H6748	H7646		H2552	H559	H1889

חֲמוּם	כִּי יִרְאֶה	אֵשׁ:
I am warm	I have seen	the fire
H2552	H7200	H217