

***“The Gods Who Are Carried”***  
***Isaiah 46***

**One God V. 1-7**

“Bel” – Babylonian for lord or master. Bel was synonymous with god or added to the name of a god (Bel Marduk).

“Nebo” – The Babylonian god of wisdom and writing. ***Jeremiah 50:1-4***

“Carry” – Images of these gods were carried in procession at the annual New Year's festival in Babylon. But rather than lead the way into the future, they go into captivity under historical forces beyond their control. We do not carry God but it is God who carries us from birth to old age. ***Matthew 11:25-30***

“They” V. 5-7 – They build, they worship, they lift, they carry, they set... Who are “they” worshipping? ***Romans 1:18-25***

**The Final Appeal V. 8-13**

“I” – God restates that He is God alone, “I AM”.

“Bird of Prey” – This refers to Cyrus from the east who will conquer Babylon and rebuild Jerusalem.

“Purposed” – God has a purpose for the children of Israel as well as the world. That God is Glorified and man is once again reconciled to God. ***2 Corinthians 5:16-21***

“Remember” – We are called to remember what God has done. ***Exodus 28:6-13***

“Stand Firm” – We are called to Stand Firm on our faith. ***Ephesians 6:10-20***

“Listen” – We are called to listen, hear, and believe God. ***1 John 4:1-6***

“Righteousness” – Your heart in right standing with God. In remembering, standing firm and listening the outcome is our heart being in a right place. ***Romans 1:16-17***

**Application**

### **Discussion Questions**

What blessing from God do you remember this week?

In what way have you stood firm in your faith this week?

In what ways have you tried to listen to God this week?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 47***

#### **Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**We remember negative things five times more than positive things. Focus on the blessings of God, stand firm in your faith and listen for what God has for you this week.**