



The Suffering Servant:
A God-Sized Vision For Life

Part 1: The Mercy Of The King
Isaiah 42:1-12



Because We Need His Help

Isaiah 41:29; 42:17



Idols Of The Heart

- What do you trust with your whole heart?
 - Luther's catechism on the 1st command
- Idols promise happiness, and we fall
- What *in addition to Christ* do you need for joy, security, significance, and freedom?





Because Jesus Is A Just King

Isaiah 42:1-4



Which Servant?

- Israel is God's servant, 41:8-10, 42:19
- Cyrus is God's servant? 44:28
- The prophets are servants, 44:26
- What is the context describing?
- Who has the ability to fulfill this?





Behold, My Servant!

- He stands intimately related to YHWH, 1
- Upheld and supported by the Father
- Chosen (anointed) by the Father
- Lives in perpetual fervent love (Mt 3, 17)
- Ministers with Theocratic Anointing
- Trinity: the basis of love and fellowship





The Just And Merciful King

- The King's mission of justice, 1, 3, 4
 - Life-giving order, how God meant it to be
 - Not merely private salvation (but included)
 - Not socially engineered schemes of redistribution of goods





The Just And Merciful King

- The King's method of mercy; different!
 - He quietly (humbly) does the Father's will, 2
 - How do you treat a cracked, bent reed? 3
 - Lacking strength to stand, misshapen
 - How do you regard a smoldering wick?
 - Unable to produce light, to draw up fuel
 - He does not use people up to do tasks





The Just And Merciful King

- The Servant will not fail, 4
 - He will experience that which bruises reeds and quenches wicks
 - And will be undaunted by it
- Until justice is established (no mere offer)
- Until all *wait for* His Law





Because You Are Not Your Own

Isaiah 42:5



Behold Your Creator

- God, the Living One, covenant keeping, 5
- In the beginning, _____?
- God gives order, constancy, harmony
- God gives you breath and spirit
- To whom do you belong?
- What is your only comfort in life and death?



A silhouette of a manger on a hill under a bright star in a blue sky. The scene is set against a dark blue background with a bright, multi-pointed star at the top center. Below the star is a simple wooden manger structure on a hill. Two figures are visible inside the manger, and a bright light emanates from the manger, creating a glow in the sky.

Because Christ Is The Better Covenant

Isaiah 42:6-7



Jesus Is Better

- The Father speaks to His Son here (You)
- The Father called the Son rightly, 6
 - The right time, right place, right purpose
 - Responsible to do God's righteous will
- He upholds and strengthens Him
- He keeps Him, not allowing Him to be destroyed





Jesus Is Better

- The Father gave the Son, Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:14
- The Servant IS the covenant!, 7
 - This is a New Covenant (Jer 31-33)
 - God is doing for us what we failed to do
- Light of the world, giving sight to the blind
- Freeing those in bondage to sin



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Because God's Glory Is The Central Good

Isaiah 42:8-9



The Good Weight Of Glory

- I AM the LORD, that is My Name, 8
- God does all that the idols cannot
 - Occultists seduce by the lure of knowledge and power; self-centered manipulation of 'the divine' powers; utterly futile
- God declares and He does, 9
- His reputation stands with His Servant





The Good Weight Of Glory

- God is most glorified by the giving of Himself in Christ, His delight
- You give God most glory by resting in the covenant of Christ
- You glorify God by opening your eyes, and beholding His Servant, and walking in the freedom of His Law





Because Our Ultimate Joy
Is Directly Related To
Our Appreciation Of God's Glory

Isaiah 42:10-12



Sing For Joy!

- A new song for God's new work, 10
- As His mission goes, His praise grows
- From the end of the earth to Edom (Sela)
- Unashamed proclamation of the message: Shout it from the mountain, 11
- Let them give glory and declare praise, 12





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