

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VI. Isaiah’s Divine *Prophecies* of Consolation for **Israel** (40:1-48:22)

- A. The *Pronouncement* of **Judah’s** time of Comfort (40:1-11)
- B. The *Proclamation* of the Greatness of **God** (40:12-31)
- C. The *Prophetic* Power of **God** (41:1-29)

D. The *Presentation* of **God’s** Servant—**Messiah** (42:1-8)

1. His *Calling* from **God** (42:1)

¹Behold, **My** Servant, whom I *uphold*;
My chosen one in whom **My** soul *delights*.

I have put **My Spirit** upon **Him**;
He will bring forth *justice* to the **nations**.

2. His *Ministry Characteristics* (42:2-4)

²**He** will *not* cry out or raise *His* **voice**,
Nor make *His* **voice** heard in the **street**.

³**A** *bruised* reed **He** will *not* **break**
And a *dimly* burning wick **He** will *not* **extinguish**;
He will *faithfully* bring forth justice.

⁴**He** will *not* be **disheartened** or **crushed**
Until **He** has established justice in the **earth**;
and the **coastlands** will wait *expectantly* for **His** **law**.”

3. His *Commission* from **God** (42:5-8)

⁵ Thus says **God the LORD**,
Who *created* the **heavens** and *stretched* them out,

Who *spread out* the **earth** and its **offspring**,
Who *gives* *breath* to the **people** on it
And *spirit* to those who **walk** in it,

⁶ **I am the LORD**, I have *called* **You** in *righteousness*,

I will also **hold You** by the **hand** and **watch over You**,
as a **light** to the **nations**,

⁷To **open blind eyes**,
To **bring out prisoners** from the dungeon
And those who **dwell** in **darkness** from the prison.

⁸"I am the **LORD**, that is **My name**;
I will **not give My glory** to another,
Nor My praise to **graven images**.

Message Summary The *Presentation* of **God's Servant**— A more detailed Outline

1. His *Calling* as **God's Servant** (42:1)
 - a. *Upheld* (supported) by **God** (42:1a)
 - b. *Chosen* by **God**—who "*delights*" in **Him** (42:1b)
 - c. *Anointed* by the **Spirit of God** (42:1c)
 - d. *Bringing justice* to the **nations** (42:1d)

2. His *Ministry Characteristics* (42:2-4)
 - a. *Characterized* by a **humble, unassuming ministry** (42:2)
 - b. *Characterized* by **healing and encouragement** (42:3a)
 - c. *Characterized* by a **faithful** pursuit of **justice** (42:3b-4)

3. His *Commission* from **God** (42:5-8)
 - a. *Who* is the **Creator** of **all things** in the **heavens** and the **earth** (42:5)
 - b. *Who* called **His Servant** in **righteousness** (42:6a)
 - c. *Who* promises to **uphold** and "*watch over*" **His Servant** (42:6b)
 - d. *Who* has **appointed His Servant** as a **covenant** to the people (42:6c)
 - e. *Who* declared **His Servant** a **light** to the **nations** (42:6d)
 - f. *Who* commissioned **Him** to **open** the eyes of the **blind** (physical and spiritual) (42:7a)
 - h. *Who* has **appointed Him** to **free prisoners**, and **those** who **dwell** in **darkness** (42:7b)
 - i. *Who* will **not give His (own) glory** and **praise** to **another** (42:8)

Jesus the Messiah—the Servant of God
***Confirmed* by New Testament Scripture→**

1. **Declared God's Servant** (42:1a),
Chosen by God (42:1b),
In Whom **God Delights** (42:1c),
***Anointed* by God's Spirit** (42:1d),
Bringing **Justice** to the **Nations** (42:1e)

N.T. Fulfillment → **Many followed Him (Jesus), and He *healed* them all,..**

...*This* was to **fulfill** what was spoken through **Isaiah the prophet:**

“BEHOLD, **MY SERVANT** WHOM **I HAVE CHOSEN**;
MY BELOVED IN WHOM **MY SOUL** is **WELL-PLEASSED**;
I WILL PUT **MY SPIRIT** UPON **HIM**,
AND **HE** SHALL PROCLAIM **JUSTICE** TO THE **GENTILES**. (Matthew 12:15b, 17-18)

2. **Characterized in *His* Ministry** as being:
 - a. ***humble* and *unassuming*** (42:2), as well as
 - b. ***gentle* and *encouraging*** (42:3a)

N.T. Fulfillment → But **Jesus**, aware of *this* (a **conspiracy**),
withdrew from there.

Many followed Him, and He *healed* them all,
and **warned them not to tell who He was.**

This was to **fulfill** what was spoken through **Isaiah the prophet:**

“**HE** WILL **NOT QUARREL**, NOR **CRY OUT**;
NOR WILL ANYONE **HEAR HIS VOICE** IN THE **STREETS**.

“A **BATTERED REED** HE WILL **NOT BREAK OFF**,
AND A **SMOLDERING WICK** HE WILL **NOT PUT OUT**,
UNTIL HE LEADS **JUSTICE** TO VICTORY. (Matthew 12:15-17, 19-20)

3. **Characterized by a faithful pursuit of Justice** (42:3b-4)

N.T. Fulfillment → If a man receives **circumcision** on *the Sabbath*
so that the **Law of Moses** will not be broken, are you **angry**
with Me (Jesus) because I made an **entire man well** on *the Sabbath*?

Do not judge according to **appearance**,
but ***judge*** with **righteous judgment**.” (John 7:23-24)

Woe to you, **scribes** and **Pharisees, hypocrites!**
For you **tithe mint** and **dill** and **cummin**, and have ***neglected***
the **weightier** provisions of the **law: justice** and **mercy** and **faithfulness**;
but these are the things you should have done

without neglecting the others. (Matthew 23:23)

4. Appointed “as a Covenant to the people” (42:6c)

N.T. Fulfillment → And when He (Jesus) had taken a cup and given thanks,
He gave *it* to them (His disciples), saying, “Drink from it, all of you;

for this is My blood of the covenant, which is *poured out* for many
for forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:27-28)

5. Appointed “as a Light to the Nations” (42:6d)

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N.T. Fulfillment → For my eyes (Simeon) have seen Your salvation,..
A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,
And the *glory* of Your people Israel.” (Luke 2:30, 32)

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying,
“I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me
will not *walk* in the darkness,
but will have the Light of life.” (John 8:12)

6. Commissioned to *open* the eyes of the blind, and
to set free those in prison and in darkness (42:7)

N.T. Fulfillment → Jesus answered and said to them (John’s disciples),
“Go and report to John what you *hear* and *see*:

the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and *the lame walk*,
the lepers are cleansed and *the deaf hear*,.. (Matthew 11:4-5)

And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him (Jesus).
And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, (Luke 4:17-18)

Closing Comments