

Sunday, September 29, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

51. A Servant and Song – [Isa. 42:1-13](#)

Intro: [Isaiah 41:21-29](#) – Look at the idols. Look at the idolaters. Worthless, nothing, meaningless, imaginary, useless! [Isaiah 42:1](#) – Look at My Servant. The Servant of the Lord is introduced, who will bring revelation in the midst of the idols silence. He will open blind eyes, deliver those in bondage, and declare new things.

Court Scene: trial between the Lord and the idols – the Servant brings justice, declaring the message that there is One God. This justice is the revealed truth, judgment rendered, and decision declared to the world that will bring order out of lawlessness.

- I. The Lord Speaks of His Servant – [vs. 1-4](#)
  - A. See the Servant ([vs. 1](#))
    1. Who is the Servant? – [Isa. 41:8](#); [Mal. 4:4](#); [2 Sam. 3:18](#); [Jer. 27:6](#)
    2. My Chosen One - [Psa. 139:7](#); [Matt. 3:13-17](#); [Luke 3:22](#)
      - a. My Servant, whom I uphold – kept for Myself (possession)
      - b. In whom My soul delights – in whom I am well pleased
      - c. Upon whom My Spirit rests
    3. Bringing Justice to the Nations – the Lord’s truth and truth about the Lord, brought to those by a revealing agent even though they were not seeking it – [Rom. 3:10-12](#)
  - B. The Servant’s Service ([vs. 2-3b](#))
    1. This service does not draw attention to itself – [Matt. 25:37-40, 44](#)
    2. This service is not accomplished by the power of personality – [1 Cor. 2:3-5](#)
    3. Fulfilled and Exemplified by Christ – [Matt. 12:15-21](#)
      - a. Cry Out – shriek as to startle, shock
      - b. Raised Voice – to shout down, to dominate
      - c. Not Heard Outside – self-advertisement, announcement
      - d. Quiet, gentle, unthreatening – [1 Thess. 4:10-12](#); [2 Thess. 3:11-12](#); [1 Tim. 2:1-2](#)
      - e. To the Servant, nothing is useless or too far gone
        - 1) Bruised Reed – useless for support, faltering
        - 2) Smoking Wick – burning low, burning out
  - C. The Servant’s Faithfulness ([vs. 3c-4](#))
    1. Justice for Truth – Revelation – “Where is the God of justice?” – [Mal. 2:17-3:1](#)
    2. He will not fail nor be discouraged – faithfulness
    3. The pressure and hurt that would stop others (bruised, burning out) will not stop Him
    4. Established – to set the Law in place – [Deut. 4:44](#)
    5. Wait – depend upon Him
- II. The Lord Speaks to His Servant – [vs. 5-9](#) – confirming the Servant’s task as the nations (idolaters) do not know the true God and are held captive by their useless idols – here is a message of hope from God the Creator (5) who has power to predict (9)
  - A. The Lord of Creation ([vs. 5](#))
    1. Life-Giver – He has a plan and purpose for all of His creation
    2. He created, stretched, spread, and gives – ongoing creative ability, He continues to give life and breath
    3. The heavens and earth are dependent upon the Lord to sustain and maintain them

- B. The Lord of the Servant ([vs. 6-7](#))
  - 1. From Creation to Providence – caring for the life He gives
    - a. I have called you in righteousness – validate
    - b. I will hold your hand – accompany
    - c. I will keep you – safeguard
    - d. I will give you – appoint, fit for the task
  - 2. A Light to the Nations – through the Servant people will come into covenant with God – [Eph. 2:11-13; Gen. 12:3](#)
  - 3. In this covenant is light and liberty – [Heb. 8:6-13](#)
    - a. Blind eyes are opened
    - b. Prisoners freed from bondage – the end of restrictions placed by others
    - c. A perfected people in a perfect society in a perfect environment – [Psa. 146:8; Isa. 29:18; 35:5; John 9:32; 12:37-50](#)
- C. The Lord of the False Gods ([vs. 8-9](#)) – He directs history past, present, and future
  - 1. God’s Own Name – I Am YHWH – the existing One
  - 2. God’s Own Glory – it cannot be shared – [Exod. 20:1-4](#)
  - 3. God’s Own Evidence – decree, direct, predict – [Ezek. 36:19-25](#)
- III. The People Sing a New Song – [vs. 10-13](#)
  - A. Response to Revelation – Worship – [Psa. 33:3, 8; 47:7; 66:1; 96:1; 97:9; 98:1, 4](#)
    - 1. All the Earth
    - 2. A New Song (a fresh display and realization of God’s continuing goodness)
  - B. The Prediction of the Conqueror – driving the nations to idols
  - C. The Servant of the Lord – calling the nations to worship the true God, the God of Triumph – [Psa. 150](#)