

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: Christ Is the Covenant-Servant"

Text: Isaiah 42:1-17

Theme: The Gospel in Isaiah introduces us to the ideal Servant of the LORD. He serves the LORD, and He serves the covenant – the bond we have with God. Christ Jesus **IS** the covenant.

I. The _____ of the LORD's Servant (1-4)

A. The Servant's _____ to God (1)

B. The Servant's _____ (2-3a)

C. The Servant's _____ (3b-4)

II. The Specific _____ of the LORD's Servant (5-9)

A. The _____ of the Servant's Task (5)

B. The Servant's Particular _____ (6-7)

C. The Servant _____ that God Alone Is the LORD (8-9)

III. The _____ of _____ by the Righteous to the Work of the LORD's Servant (10-17)

A. The Prospect of _____ Salvation Brings a _____ of Praise (10-12)

B. The Recognition that God Is Not _____ Evokes _____ (13-16)

C. There Is No _____ Who Can Do What the LORD Has Done (17)

IV. Applications

A. The _____ between the LORD and the Servant shows that he is no _____.

B. Christ Jesus is the _____ of this Servant Song. He is the _____ for the people and the light for the _____.

C. Jesus uses _____ and _____ differently in your life. He does not _____, but rather _____.

D. God's people _____ a _____ today, a song of redemption _____.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 44:23-28

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:
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1. What is the special title given to the person about whom this passage speaks (v. 1)?
2. What is the LORD's attitude toward this person (v. 1)?
3. How does this person go about his mission (vv. 2-3a)?
4. How effectively will this person's job be (v. 3b)?
5. For what will people look to him (v. 4)?
6. How is the LORD God described who calls this person (v. 5)?
7. What is this person's particular and permanent role? What amazing things will he do in this role (vv. 6b-7)?
8. What alone belongs to the LORD (v. 8)?
9. How does the LORD demonstrate the attribute mentioned in verse 8 to others (v. 9)?
10. How do the righteous react to the work of this person (vv. 10-12)?
11. What does the LORD do that seemed to be a long time in coming (vv. 13-16)?
12. What becomes of those who put their trust in idols (v. 17)?
13. How do we know the person spoken of in this passage is not simply an ordinary person?

14. What incident in the New Testament reflects the wording of verse 1? What does this tell us about the significance of that incident?
15. What is a covenant?
16. What is the relationship of the person referred to in this text to God's covenant? Where specifically in the New Testament is Jesus identified as the guarantee of a better covenant?
17. How does Christ use power and authority? How does our Lord's use of authority correspond to the ways that His people exercise authority?
18. How is authority sometimes abused in the Church? In the home? By the civil magistrate?
19. How does the fact that God has glorified Jesus indicate the divinity of Christ?
20. What does it mean to sing a "new song"?