

1 **GOD'S CHOSEN SERVANT**

Isaiah 42:1-9

2 **Isaiah 42:1-5**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. . 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it

3 **Isaiah 42:6-9**

6 "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

4 **THE SERVANT'S RELATIONSHIP**

- *Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights*
- The Comparison
- Isaiah 41:24: *Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you. Isaiah 41:29 Behold, they are all a delusion, their works are nothing; their metal images are empty wind.*
- The Choice

5 **The Chosen One**

Here is a remarkable picture of the Lord Jesus given to the prophet Isaiah by God. The word "Behold" is used to identify a special person. Here God says that there is a Servant with whom I have a special relationship. He is God's servant, God's chosen servant, and the Servant in whom God delights. *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

- The One Choosing – God the Father
- The One Chosen – God the Son – Jesus Christ

The Sent One – John 8:29: *"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."*

The Servant – Do the will and work of the Father

6 **THE SERVANT'S RESOURCE**

The Power of the Spirit – *"I have put my Spirit upon him."*

- Matthew 3:16: *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him.*
- Isaiah 42:1b: *I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles*
- John 3:34-35: *For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit*

b measure. 35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

7 **THE SERVANT'S RESOURCE (2)**

The Presence of the LORD – *"Behold my servant, whom I uphold"*

- Matthew 3:17: *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*
- Matthew 4:1: *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*
- Evidence of the Trinity -- The Father = "I", "my" -- The Son = *my servant* -- The Spirit = *"I have put my Spirit upon him."*

8 **THE SERVANT'S RESCUE**

V. 1b – *"He will bring forth justice to the nations." V. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth. V. 3b: "He will faithfully bring forth justice."*

The World's Definition of Justice

- The Woke Generation
- Justice Democrats

9 **The Servant's Pursuit of Divine Justice**

V. 1b: *"I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations." – V. 3b: "he will faithfully bring forth justice– 4a: He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth*

Definition of Divine Justice: *Justice, then, is rooted in the very nature of God, and his character is the true norm or standard. All his acts are just and right, even those we may not be able to understand.* (Expository Dictionary of Bible Words by Lawrence O Richards, p. 369).

10 **The Servant's Pursuit of Divine Justice (2)**

Genesis 1:27: *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

- Dispossession of Justice – Genesis 3
- The Stolen Ming Dynasty vase
- Justice in the biblical sense means a transformation.

11 **THE SERVANT'S RESTORATION**

Our Lord came to earth with a mission and He will not stop until it is accomplished. Until He exclaims from the cross, *It is finished*, He will not let up or relax or rest. He is driven by a divine purpose. He will restore God's image to God's people.

Notice how He patiently pursues until He has His man (or woman or boy or girl). Isaiah says He is tender in His care of those who have lost the image of God. He does it – gently, lovingly but relentlessly.

12 **THE SERVANT'S REWARD**

Vv. 5-9: *5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, 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 take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of*

them.

13 **Matthew 12:9–13**

9 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. 10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. 11 He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other.

14 **Matthew 12:14–18**

14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. 15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all 16 and ordered them not to make him known. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

15 **Matthew 12:19–21**

19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; 20 a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; 21 and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Do you see how tenderly Jesus restored the man with the withered arm? Stretch out your hand and it was healed.

Jesus was born to be God with us. He was born to redeem us, He was born to care for us, restore us, and give us back the image that we had all but lost because of sin.