

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, November 6, 2022

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 72. My Beloved Son – Matthew 12:15-21

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Intro: Verse 14 – Plotting to destroy Him...

Intro to Prophecy: 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.

- I. Jesus Withdrawing – vs. 15
 - A. He Kept Moving
 - B. He Kept Ministering
- II. Jesus Warning – vs. 16
 - A. He Did not Court Fame or Persecution
 - B. He Did not want Attention that would Detract from His Mission
- III. Jesus Well Pleasing – vs. 17-21
 - A. The Lord Speaks of His Servant – Isaiah 42:1-4
 - B. See the Servant (vs. 18)
 1. Who is the Servant? – Isa. 41:8; Mal. 4:4; 2 Sam. 3:18; Jer. 27:6
 2. My Chosen One - Psa. 139:17-18; 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
 - C. The Servant’s Service (vs. 19-20)
 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. This Servant is Christ
 - 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
 - D. The Servant’s Faithfulness
 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. Justice will be victorious
 - E. Gentiles will Trust in Him – Romans 3:28-30

Cross References

Isaiah 42:1-4

42 “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.”

Isaiah 41:8

8 “But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

Malachi 4:4

4 “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments.

2 Samuel 3:18

18 Now then, do it! For the Lord has spoken of David, saying, ‘By the hand of My servant David, I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies.’ ”

Jeremiah 27:6

6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him.

Psalms 139:17-18

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. 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 upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”

Matthew 25:37-40

37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

44 “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:10-12

10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, 12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

Malachi 2:17-3:1

17 You have wearied the Lord with your words; Yet you say, “In what way have we wearied Him?” In that you say, “Everyone who does evil Is good in the sight of the Lord, And He delights in them,” Or, “Where is the God of justice?” 3 “Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the Lord of hosts.

Romans 3:28-30

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.