

Who Will You Serve? Part 1
Righteous Versus Idolatrous Israel
Isaiah 41

- I. Introduction
 - A. The human struggle
 - B. The implicit question of Moses and Joshua
 - 1. Deuteronomy 30:19-20
 - 2. Joshua 24:14-15
- II. God Affirms His Righteous Love For A Righteous People (1-20)
 - A. The nations stand against God in their idolatry (1-7)
 - 1. This is significant for the upcoming comparison
 - 2. These people are foolish; God's people are wise
 - B. Israel is not like other nations
 - 1. Servant
 - 2. Chosen
 - 3. Descendant of Abraham
 - 4. Friend
 - C. God promises
 - 1. To strengthen (10)
 - 2. To help (10, 13, 14)
 - 3. To uphold (10, 13)
 - 4. To shame and dishonor the oppressor (11-12, 15-16)
 - 5. To pour out blessing (17-20)
- III. What Happens When "God's People" Embrace Idolatry? (21-29)
 - A. A call for idolatry to defend itself (21-24)
 - 1. Do something, anything!

- 2. An exercise in futility
- B. A reminder of the blessing of good news (25-26)
- C. An absence of spiritual insight among "God's people" (27-28)
- D. The devastating emptiness of idolatry
- E. What answer does God receive from us?