

Introduction

- I. Isaiah brings words of hope and comfort for the people of Judah after declaring judgment.
- II. This passage is quoted in Matthew 12:18-20, which shows His life is the fulfillment of the text.

Jehovah's Servant for the Bruised

I. His Identity

- A. The "he" in the text refers to "my servant" (vs. 1), Who is Jesus Christ, the Servant of Jehovah.
 1. He did this by becoming a servant - think about what we read in Phil. 2:5ff.
 2. As servant, He was pleasing to God (vs. 1).
 3. The importance for our lives:
- B. A servant is a slave - one whose whole life is put into the service of His Master.
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II. His Work

- A. The figures of the text describe God's people.
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 2. The figures describe all God's people as weak and unworthy.
- B. The bruised reed He shall not break and the smoking flax shall he not quench.
 1. Explanation:
 2. He is the author and finisher of our salvation.

III. His Attitude

- A. Although it is true that we are like bruised reeds and smoldering wicks, Christ does not despise us.
- B. This teaches us how we are to respond to weakness around us in our lives.