

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-12

Lord's Day 12.31#2

Singing: 72:1-4 – 124:1-5 – 292:1, 3, 5 – 180:1, 2, 7

**God's Sermon about and to His Messiah
About His glories as the Savior of poor and needy sinners.**

Introduction: What is God's purpose in sharing Isaiah 42?

- A. Jesus Christ is God's qualified Servant (vs. 1)
1. He is provided by God Himself
 - a. Who is God addressing then and now: vs. 17-25

 2. He is exalted by God Himself as the most qualified to save you
 - a. God upholds Him (Is. 42:6)

 - b. He is God's elect (Heb. 7:26)

 - c. He is God's delight (Matt. 3:17)

 - d. He is God qualified (John 3:34)

 - e. He is on God's mission (Is. 42:6, 7, 10-12)
- B. Jesus Christ is a gentle Prophet: (vs. 2-3)
1. He not angry or forceful preacher (vs. 2)

 2. He is a sensitive teacher (vs. 3a)

 3. He is a healing teacher (vs. 3b)

 4. Why is God pointing this out to us? (Is. 40:11; Is. 61:1-3)
- C. Jesus Christ is a conquering Savior-King: vs. 3b-4
1. God and His Servant always meet with opposition in us
 - a. much is because of our ignorance or fear

 - b. more is because of our pride and hostility to grace

 2. Where teachers will fail, Jesus never does not as He perseveres
- D. Jesus Christ is God's able Savior: vs. 5-7 (here God addressed His Messiah!)
1. Why does God speak this in our ears?

 2. Consider once more the *suitableness* of God's Christ (vs. 6-7)
 - a. called in righteousness

 - b. held by God's own hand

c. provided as the Mediator of covenant (of grace)

3. What is God's implied direction to us?

a. sit at His feet for His instruction

b. turn to Him for your full deliverance

A Puritan Prayer

Everlasting Creator-Redeemer, I have destroyed myself and defiled my nature.

My soul is degraded through sin, and I am vile, miserable and strengthless.

But my hope is in Thee.

If I ever be saved it will be by undeserved and astonishing goodness. Not just mercy but abundant mercy; not just grace by exceeding grace.

Such measures of mercy and grace Thou has revealed, promised, shown in thy thoughts of peace. Thou Thyself devised the means to rescue me from sin's destruction and restore me to happiness and honor.

I bless Thee for the everlasting covenant, for appointing an able Mediator.

I rejoice that He failed not, nor was discouraged but accomplished the work Thou gave Him to do.

Now I look to Thee for a personal partaking in Christ so I may be enabled to say, "Surely He has born my griefs, carried my sorrows, won my peace, healed my soul."

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