

What Makes Me Sing?

Isaiah 41:21-42:17

There is a stark contrast between two different objects of our satisfaction. On the one hand is our worthless idols. On the other hand is God's worthy servant. The latter compels us to sing.

[God] gives us a verifiable short-term prediction by foretelling the coming of Cyrus. That happened, as a public event in our human history. This gives God instant credibility. But he does that to get us believing his long-term prediction of worldwide perfection through Christ. God is saying, "If I kept my word about Cyrus, and I did, and you know I did, then you can believe that I'll keep my word about my servant."

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I. Behold Your Worthless Idols (41:21-29; cf. Ps 115:1-8)

A. What have idols done in the _____? (22b)

B. What can idols do in the _____? (22-23a)

C. What do idols do _____? (23b)

II. Behold God's Worthy Servant (42:1-17)

A. The _____ of the Servant (1-4; cf. Mt 12:15-21)

B. The _____ of the Servant (5-9)

C. The _____ of the Servant (10-17)