

The Servant - Isaiah 42:1-13

- Isaiah 9:1-7 - The Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, and the Zeal of the Lord will accomplish all that we have seen and will see.
 - The Servant of God is compassionate and gentle - Matthew 12:1-21 and 20:20-28
 - The combination of a background of disaster and a promise of hope.
 - Genesis 3:15 - The serpent was going to strike His heel and He was going to die. So the victory that was going to come through the seed of the woman was going to come at the price of death.
 - The back story of Isaiah 7:14 is in 2 Samuel 7 God had told David that he would never lack a man from his line to sit on the throne of his kingdom but Ahaz was not trusting God and was already making plans to align with other kings in disobedience to God.
 - The Problem, The Promise and The Provision - In the Old Testament - Jeremiah 10:16
1. The Problem is Idolatry - Isaiah 41: 24 and 29 - "Behold"
 - a. Idolatry is any time we find our satisfaction, our security, our treasure in someone, something, anything else other than God. This can be good things and often they are but they come between us and God in our meditations and where we default to or desire to be
 - b. Isaiah 41:7 the irony of a god who might totter if not fastened with nails.
 2. The Prophetic Promise is the Servant -
 - a. Isaiah 42 introduces for the first time "the servant of the Lord." and this title identifies the person and work of Jesus Christ four times in Isaiah: 42:1-7; 49:1-9; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12.
 - b. Sometimes God identifies his people in this same way—"my servant" (41:8-9; 43:10; 44:1-2, 21; 48:20). But in those instances the reference is not to a single individual but the nation of Israel.
 - c. Sometimes God's "servant" is portrayed as sinfully rebellious, even blind and deaf
Isaiah 42:18-24
 - d. Isaiah 42:1-4 - The Chosen One in whom the Father delights and empowers
 - e. At Jesus's Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17
 - f. The astounding gentleness of Jesus was predicted in Isaiah 42:3
 - g. Isaiah 42:5-7 - God the Father made his Son to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations so that the eyes of the blind may be opened and prisoners released from the dungeons of sin. Jesus told Pilate that His Kingdom was not of this realm - John 18:36
 3. The Provision is the Servant of God -
 - a. Jesus is the new covenant.
 - b. 2 Corinthians 4:6 - The kingdom is the glory of God in the face of Christ
 - c. Isaiah 42:8 The Glory of God will not be shared with anyone or anything else
 4. The Response - Isaiah 42: 10-13 - The settlements of Kedar (the Bedouin tribes of Arabia, descendants of Ishmael; Gen 25:13) and the inhabitants of Sela (Edomites).