

Part II, Lesson 6

# Isaiah

The Lord is Salvation

The  
Gentle  
Servant

Isaiah  
42:1-7

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### The Gentle Servant

Today, we discuss Jesus. Read Isaiah 42:1-4. God speaks through Isaiah about His “servant,” His “chosen one,” the “one in whom my soul delights,” and says that He, God, has “put my Spirit on Him.” There is absolutely no one else in History to whom this could refer. Only Jesus fits all those descriptive words.

Paul said that Jesus “took on Himself the very nature of a servant.” Read Philippians 2:7. Jesus saw Himself as a servant. Read Luke 4:16-19. Peter referred to Jesus as “the living stone—rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious to Him...” Read I Peter 2:4. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, God spoke from Heaven and said, “You are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11) And, finally, at the baptism of Jesus, Heaven “was torn open and the Spirit descended on Him like a dove.” So, every prophecy of this chapter is fulfilled in Jesus.

Some have compared these words with Isaiah 41:8-10. There, God is speaking of Israel as the chosen servant and the one to which He remains faithful. God will protect them. This passage is different, though.

Jesus, the chosen servant, will “bring forth justice to the nations.” This tells us that He will judge all the nations and right the wrongs done by each. We can be sure that at some time in the future, that which is evil will be brought into the light, and finally all will be fair and right. Jesus will be the one to see it done.

Then there is the picture of the gentle Jesus who will reign over the earth. Isaiah said that He will have a soft voice. As we have studied Isaiah we have read, and in our future study we will read, Isaiah speaking of “crying out.” In Isaiah that usually means either the pitiful sound of someone who is hurting, hungry or mistreated begging for help, or an almost screeching sound of someone determined to be heard. Here, God said that this gentle servant will not make a lot of noise when he speaks. He won’t even raise His voice.

Do you know someone who is so respected, so trusted, so worthy to be heard, that all they need to do is to speak quietly in a crowd. Their presence is enough to quiet the crowd. When they walk into the room, people want to hear what they have to say. That is who Jesus is.

God said that He will not make his voice heard in the street. He is not going to make a spectacle of himself by standing on the street corner and shouting to the cars that pass...not our gentle Savior.

The gentle servant will go about His task not hurting those who are trying to do the right thing. He mentions a “bruised reed” and a “smoldering wick.” This seems to refer to weak humans...people who are committed to righteousness. We mentioned Luke, chapter four, earlier. In that passage, Jesus tells the people of Nazareth that He fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. In that prophecy, Isaiah chapter sixty-one, there is reference to preaching “the gospel to the poor,” binding “the brokenhearted,” proclaiming “freedom for the captives,” and “release from darkness for the prisoners.” Jesus was all about helping those who were in difficult circumstances. It just makes sense that Jesus, in the last days, will not be hurting those He came to help.

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In verse three, God said that Jesus would faithfully bring forth justice. Who would or could ever be more faithful than Jesus? We could mention so many times in the Bible where the faithfulness of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are called faithful. Also, throughout the Bible, God demonstrates His faithfulness. He is the only being who can always be called faithful. He can always be depended on. There is never a time, nor is there a circumstance, where or when God is not faithful.

As we anticipate the future, when Jesus will be fully in charge, we know without a doubt that justice will be done. In Hebrews 13:8 we read, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” He has not changed from the One who created the world. John 1:3 says that “through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”

This is the gentle servant. We do wrong when we picture Him as a warrior, terrorizing anyone. That was the mistaken idea of those who expected Him to come the first time, take over earthly kingdoms and reign over all the earth.

What we have in our lesson today is assurance that God will provide perfect justice to everyone through Jesus Christ. According to God’s promise, when Jesus assumes control of all things, in the name of the Father everything, absolutely everything, will be made right.

Lessons for us in this Scripture: First, Jesus is not about making things worse. When we see a bruised reed or a candle about to go out, we are not like Jesus if we don’t stop to help and encourage. Jesus would never tell people that they should shape up, get themselves right with God and pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. Jesus will be about helping and bringing justice, to wounded souls.

Second, we should not be discouraged in our task of helping people. If we are following the example of Jesus, getting tired is part of the responsibility. There is so much to be done. Jesus “will not be disheartened or crushed.” Neither should you be.

Third, we ought to be busy trying to bring justice to the world. This is not a recommendation to go out and right all wrongs. It is an encouragement to see that fairness is applied to everything we can influence.

Fourth, if we follow the example of the gentle servant, we will always be humble. If you are in it for what you can get out of it, you are there for the wrong reason.

\*Underlined words and phrases are to be used in completing the Student Worksheet.

### Page Three

**Scripture Memory:** “He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.” Isaiah 42:4

**Lesson Goal:** To encourage the student to be involved in bringing justice in their world.

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### Student Worksheet

Listen during the lesson for this information:

1. What four things does God call Jesus in the first verse?
2. What does verse one say that Jesus will do?
3. With what kind of voice does Jesus speak?
4. To what do the pictures “bruised reed” and a “smoldering wick” refer?
5. What are the four lessons we should learn from today’s Scripture?

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**How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:**

First, believe that the God of the Bible is the true God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God’s Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus’ name. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.