

ISAIAH 42:1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

ISAIAH 42:1-9

A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not
snuff out. In faithfulness he will
bring forth justice; he will not
falter or be discouraged till he
establishes justice on earth.

ISAIAH 42:1-9

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the Lord says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

ISAIAH 42:1-9

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison

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and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;

ISAIAH 42:1-9

before they spring into being I
announce them to you.”

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THE **BEST** IS YET TO COME

Isaiah 42 was directed toward the nation of Israel as they were in exile under the reign of King Cyrus. They were a people dominated by another nation.

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They were enslaved to
another king. As they looked
at the world, they were
asking questions like:

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Why is God so far away?

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Is there any hope?
Why is God so far away?
How is God going to make
this right?

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Isaiah 42 is a prophecy about the coming of Jesus, and the description of what he does and how he does it should be a great encouragement for you.

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“This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased.”

Jesus had the support of the
Father and empowerment of
the Spirit for a specific
mission.

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He Will Bring Forth Justice

Justice is that which is
“morally correct and fair”. A
Society that “conforms to
what is true.” A society that
“makes right what is wrong”.

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There is One who sets the
objective, irrefutable
standard: God, through
Christ.

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the bridge exists to reclaim
and recommit to serving a
God who shows a particular
concern for the least, the
last, and the lost.



TIM DEARBORN

“For Christians, the pursuit of social justice for the poor and oppressed is the decisive mark of being people who submit to the will and way of God,”

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The core purpose of Christ's church, of *the bridge*, is that we are to live for the realization of God's heart in every corner of the earth. That is what it means to bring forth justice.

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THE **BEST** IS YET TO COME

He Does Not Draw
Attention to Himself

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THE **BEST** IS YET TO COME

He Will Not Crush Those Who
Are Tender and Vulnerable

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A “bruised reed” and the
“smoldering wick” refer to the
spiritually, physically, or
morally weakened.

JOHN 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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He Will See it Through
to the End

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THE **BEST** IS YET TO COME

He Is a Covenant
for the People

MATTHEW 26:27 – 28

“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”


HEBREWS 9:15

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.”

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THE **BEST** IS YET TO COME

A Light for the Nations



JOHN 1:4 – 5

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

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Bring Out Prisoners
from the Dungeon

LUKE 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”

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The coming (Christmas) and the work (Easter) of the Savior, Jesus, marks the beginning of God's justice. All people for all time aligned to him.

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It began with his coming, it continues through you and I through the church. Jesus is the hope for the world, and we are that hope extended.