

# LESSON 7 • 12/7/18

TEXT • ISAIAH 43:1–14A

## IV • SUMMARY & READING

### TWO SERVANTS?

As we move into this section of Isaiah, there is a *critical fact* to note, so you can understand Isaiah’s words properly—especially when He points us to Jesus. *This is a big deal. Pay attention. Wake up...*

There are TWO DIFFERENT people that God calls “MY SERVANT” in Isaiah! It is so important to recognize which one Isaiah is talking about in various passages, because they are described very differently...!

In the first half of the assigned reading (**Isaiah 42:1–13**), we meet the first “MY SERVANT”—which describes the Messiah in these terms...

The Righteous Servant / God delights in Him  
God’s Spirit is upon Him / Meek & Gentle  
Brings forth justice / Is never dismayed  
Appointed as a covenant / A light to the nations  
Opens blind eyes / Brings out the prisoners

**Matthew 12:14–21** quotes this passage, saying that Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s words! Isaiah is clearly describing Jesus Christ as Messiah.

In the second half our reading (**42:18–25**), and in the previous chapter (**Isaiah 41:8–16**) we meet the SECOND “My Servant”—it is “Jacob,” or “Israel.” These are the Jewish people that Isaiah is preaching to. The Servant Jacob is described in these terms:

Taken from the earth, chosen, and not rejected (**41:9**)  
A “worm,” but God is her Redeemer (**41:14**)  
“Blind” (**42:19 & 24**)  
“Deaf” and “blind” toward God (**42:18–19**)  
They have become prey, plunder, & spoil (**42:22**)  
They have sinned against God (**42:24**)  
They are under His wrath (**42:25**)

Clearly these terms describe *sinful people*, and *not Jesus*, the Perfect and Righteous Son of God, right?

*Here is a lesson for us:* We are like the Servant Jacob in our sin and failures, but in our salvation, we are made righteous and are becoming more and more like Servant Jesus! Isn't it amazing how God can use broken and weak people, sinners who have been saved by His Grace, to be imitators of Jesus and represent Him in this world? Even when we fall short, we can press on to His upward call! (**Philippians 3:13–14**)

*Write a personal prayer to God based on Philippians 3:13–14:*

**TEXT • ISAIAH 42:1–25**

VARSAITY • QUESTIONS & CROSS REFERENCES

*Let's go a little deeper!* **Matthew 12:18–21** quotes this whole passage from Isaiah 42. Match these phrases to the NT passage that best illustrate this quality of Jesus.

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| • The Righteous Servant _____    | a. Matthew 3:17 & 17:5 |
| • God delights in Him _____      | b. Matthew 11:29       |
| • God's Spirit is upon Him _____ | c. Mark 10:45          |
| • Meek & Gentle _____            | d. Luke 2:38–33        |
| • Brings forth justice _____     | e. Luke 3:21–22, 4:1   |
| • Is never dismayed _____        | f. Luke 22:19–20       |
| • Appointed as a covenant _____  | g. John 8:1–11         |
| • A light to the nations _____   | h. John 9:1–8          |
| • Opens blind eyes _____         | i. 2 Timothy 2:25      |
| • Brings out the prisoners _____ | j. Hebrews 12:1–2      |

One last thing. Notice that little phrase in **Isaiah 42:8**—“*I will not give my glory to another.*”

- What is Isaiah talking about? (Look at the context!):
  - What does **John 8:54** say about “glory”?
  - When you put these verses together, what important truth does this teach us about Jesus?
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