

# The Judgment and Blessing of God – A Study in the Book of Isaiah

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## 16 - THE PERFECT SERVANT AND UNWORTHY SERVANT (ISAIAH 42:1-44:5)

### I. The Perfect Servant (Isaiah 42:1-25)

#### A. The Servant and His Work (Isaiah 42:1-17)

- The Lord calls the readers to pay attention to his servant whom he delights in.
- The servant in these verses refers to the Messiah.
- The servant has the Spirit of God on him and will bring justice to the nations.
- He will be gentle and faithful to the weak and discouraged.
- Because the God is the creator, he will assist his servant.
- His servant will be a light to the Gentiles.
- The Lord works through his servant for his own glory.
- The reader is called to give praise and glory to the Lord.
- Though it seems that he was silent for a long time, God will act in judgment.
- His judgment will be painful for him.
- He will give light to those who trust him and shame those who trust in idols.

#### B. Israel's Current Condition (Isaiah 42:18-25)

- The Lord points to the spiritual blindness of Israel.
- The Lord exalted his Law and made it honorable.
- Israel, who disregarded the Law, is plundered and thrown in prison.
- The Lord gave Israel over to be plundered.
- The Lord did this because Israel has sinned against him.
- So, the Lord poured out his anger on them.

### II. The Unworthy Servant (Isaiah 43:1-44:5)

#### A. The Call Not to Fear (Isaiah 43:1-7)

- The Lord calls Israel not to fear because he has redeemed them.

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- Even in difficult times, Israel should not fear.
- The Lord expresses the love he has for Israel and that they are precious.
- They are not to fear because the Lord will regather them from afar.

## B. A Witness to the World (Isaiah 43:8-13)

- The Lord calls the nations to be gathered to hear the truth.
- The Lord declares that Israel is his witness.

## C. Promised Deliverance (Isaiah 43:14-21)

- The Lord declares that he will defeat the Babylonians for Israel's sake.
- The Lord reminds Israel that he is the God of the Exodus.
- The Lord states that he will do a new thing to bring deliverance to Israel.

## D. The Source of Deliverance (Isaiah 43:22-28)

- Deliverance will not come because of Israel, since they have wearied the Lord.
- The Lord proclaims that he is the one who forgives sin for his sake.
- Even though he will forgive Israel, he still needed to punish them for their sin.

## E. The Call Not to Fear Restated (Isaiah 44:1-5)

- The Lord renews his call to Israel to not fear because he will help them.
- The Lord will revive Israel both physically and spiritually.