

Christ The Conqueror

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Isaiah 42:1-25 – December 14, 2016 – Wednesday

- I. CHRIST'S CHARACTER, 42:1-5
- A. "My Servant" – See Matt. 12:14-21
 - 1. Isaiah 52:13 *Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.*
 - 2. Matthew 12:18 *Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.*
 - B. "My Elect" – This is Christ, in whom God's soul delights.
 - C. "I have put my Spirit upon him" (2)
 - 1. John 3:34 *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*
 - D. "He shall not cry . . ." – He will not bring accusation or charge against his enemies.
 - E. "Not break . . . Bruised reed . . . smoking flax" (3) – He will be tender and instructive to the weak and lowly and bring judgment to the truth.
 - F. "He shall not fail" – His work is sure, and it will be done.
 - 1. Luke 9:30-31 *And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.*
 - G. He will bring judgment in the earth –
 - 1. His death, burial, and resurrection brought judgment against our sins, wholly and completely.
 - 2. "The isles" refers to the Gentiles, and they shall wait for his law. The message of the Gospel will go out and accomplish his purpose, and part of that purpose is to give light unto the Gentiles.
 - a. Acts 14:27 *And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.*
 - H. This message comes from Jehovah God (5)
 - 1. He created and stretched out the heavens
 - 2. He spread forth the earth and everything that comes out of it
 - 3. He gives breath to the people on it
 - 4. He gives man a spirit to live and to walk on the earth
 - 5. Acts 17:28 *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*
- II. CHRIST'S CALL, 42:6-12
- A. Christ was called in righteousness –
 - 1. 1 John 2:1 *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*
 - B. God will hold Christ's hand and keep him (6)
 - C. God will give him for a covenant of "the people." The people here are the Jews.
 - D. God will make him a light unto the Gentiles – Luke 2:30-32 *For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten*

the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

- E. A description of Christ's work, 7-9
- F. There shall be much rejoicing through the work and salvation of Jesus Christ, 10-12

III. CHRIST'S COMPANY, 42:13

- A. God shall go forth as a might man; that is, Christ will march in his war against his enemies.
- B. He will stir up jealousy like a man of war – This “man of war” represents God's army, believers who fight the good fight of faith. – 1 Timothy 6:12 *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*
- C. Christ will cry and roar against his enemies, having dominion over them at all points.
- D. Revelation 19:11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
- E. It is the grace of God that allows us to be a part of his army.
- F. One day the Lord will return from heaven with his army (us) – Revelation 19:14 *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

IV. CHRIST'S CONQUEST, 42:14-18

- A. His negative conquest, 14-15
 - 1. God has waited and refrained himself against coming against sinners of the earth.
 - 2. Now (the time for his wrath to be revealed) he will cry like a travailing woman.
 - 3. He will destroy and devour at once, or once for all.
 - 4. He will waste mountains and hills (15), dry up their herbs, make the rivers islands, and dry up the pools.
- B. His positive conquest, 16
 - 1. He will bring the blind by that way they knew not
 - 2. He will lead the blind in paths they have not known
 - 3. He will make darkness light for the blind.
 - 4. He will make crooked things straight.
 - 5. He will not forsake them
 - 6. Nehemiah 4:20 *In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.*
 - 7. Deuteronomy 32:37-41 *And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, 38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. 39 ¶ See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. 41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.*
- C. His saving conquest, 17-18
 - 1. They (Gentiles) shall be turned back – from their worshiping of idols.
 - 2. They shall be greatly ashamed
 - 3. They said to their idols, “Ye are our gods.”
 - 4. Hear, ye deaf (Gentiles)
 - 5. Look, ye blind (Gentiles) that you may see.

V. CHRIST'S CHASTISEMENT, 42:19-25

- A. 19 – Now Isaiah turns back to the Jews, the servants of God. We just noticed how the Gentiles are blind and deaf, but who is more blind and deaf than the people of Israel who have the truth in the law, the commandments of God as their oracles, and yet they do not hear and obey them but turn from them. 19
- B. Matthew 15:14 speak of the “blind leading the blind.”
- C. These false teachers pretend to be perfect, but they are blind.
- D. Israel is God’s servant – Luke 1:54 *He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;*
- E. Read verses 20-25
 - 1. God has chastised Israel for their backsliding ways “poured out upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of the battle, and set him (Israel) on fire round about.”
 - 2. Yet ye (Israel) knew it not.
 - 3. It burned him (Israel), yet he did not lay it to heart.

VI. CONCLUSION

- A. So, God gives the same message to both Jew and Gentile.
- B. But the Gentiles are blind. They have no law nor prophets to teach them the things of Jehovah God except through Israel.
- C. But Israel is in worse shape than the Gentiles, because they have the advantage of the oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2).
- D. They do not lay God’s oracles to heart; they do not believe: Romans 10:21 *But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.*