

## **Jesus the Lord's Servant**

### **Isa 42:1-4**

42 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." NKJV

The word servant has almost been completely abandoned in our day. People have jobs but no one would consider himself a servant. In Jesus' day almost a full three quarters of the world were servants. But no one longed for that position.

But Jesus turned the whole idea of servanthood on its head. Jesus was Lord but He came as a servant. This is one of the word pictures that we find in Isaiah to describe Jesus.

In Isaiah there are three that are described as servants. The first is the nation of Israel-Judah. They were meant to be the faithful servant of Jehovah to do His will and to reach the gentiles with the Word of God. But Israel failed to be faithful to their calling. Instead they went after the gods of the Gentiles and instead of influencing them for God Israel fell victim to the temptations that had possessed the Gentiles.

Cyrus is also depicted as the servant of the Lord, and in some passages there is a double reference to Cyrus as well as Christ.

But this morning I want to show how Christ, the only begotten of God became a servant of God and what that means to us.

- I. There is a special relationship between Jehovah and His Servant
  - A. "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
    1. Unlike Jacob who God chose to be His servant, Jesus would be faithful in everything.
    2. How many of Jesus' parables dealt with faithful servants.
      - a. Parable of the husbandmen, Mt 21:33-41
      - b. Parable of the pounds, Lu 19:13-27
      - c. Parable of the talents, Mt 18:23-35
      - d. Parable of the unprofitable servant, Luke 17:10
    3. But even though Jesus went through great temptation yet He was always
  - B. My Elect One
    1. He was chosen by God.
    2. It was not that finally someone came along that could keep the laws demands.
    3. It was that He was God's chosen one, His Elect One.

- C. In whom My soul delights!
  - 1. There was nothing in Christ that would displease the Father.
  - 2. Jesus will was in perfect harmony with the Father's.
  - 3. And it wasn't satisfactory, but delightful.
- II. I have put My Spirit upon Him;
  - A. This speaks of power.
    - 1. It is not by might or by power but by my Spirit says the Lord.
  - B. It also speaks of favor.
    - 1. In the OT when ever God blessed some, they received His Spirit.
- III. He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
  - A. Here we see the Gentiles brought in.
  - B. Jesus came to bring the Gentiles the Word of God, to bring them grace and mercy.
  - C.
- IV. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
- V. A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench;
- VI. He will bring forth justice for truth.
- VII. He will not fail nor be discouraged,
- VIII. Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

Matt 20:25-28

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." NKJV

John 13:3-5

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. NKJV

Isa 53:10-11

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. NKJV

Phil 2:5-9

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. NKJV