

SERVANTS ~~GLANTY~~ ^{GLANTY}

Isaiah 42

It is said - Oliver Cromwell, while visiting the great churches of England discovered a number of silver statues in the niches of a side chapel - demanded "What are these?"
INTRODUCTION: Dean: Please your Highness, they are the 12 apostles in L; Take them down
Coin them into money, that like their Master, they may go about doing good."
People always have a problem of valuing Prophecy. Suppose you had been there

and heard the Prophet -- Israel was small. Darkness - captivity - falling away from God, and the prediction A Messiah, A servant, A Glant one.

Glant - display - appearance - bravery - conduct - action.

Note - 41 - Prediction of a Hero - Cyrus!

42 - Prediction of A Servant - Not Cyrus. High mountain peaks of deliverance.

Applied directly to Christ.

Outline:

- I. Servant - V. 1-4.
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I. Servant - V. 1-4.

V. 1 - Behold - Isaiah uses word often. Sounding trumpet on top of hill issuing a call to the people.

Day of pretension - here is a sure word.

Attention to a new revelation.

My Servant - True - perfect - no rebellions or faithless.

My - Divine appointment - chosen servant.

Christ called a servant. Took form of servant as Mediator - His mission and work.

These verses refer to Jesus, fulfilled Matthew 12:18-21.

Uphold - his servant - Father supports and sustains - bore him up in his undertaking.

2 - Mine Elect - Christ was chosen from all eternity to mediate between God and man.

Delight - Trust him as a servant - wisdom of choice.

Put confidence in.

(Qualified) for the Glant Task - Put My Spirit upon Him. Luke 2:40; 3:22; 4:18-21.

Reference to the scene of the Saviour's baptism [Matt. 3:13-16.] Jesus to Jordan River -- V.16. Baptised in the river and as went up - Spirit of God descending like a dove.

Same confirmation Matt. 17:5 - Transfiguration. This is my beloved Son - Servant - He is on a mission. He like wise sends us on a mission.

Spirit came and rest upon him without measure.

(Judge Gentiles) - Publish God's true law to the Gentiles - As being done today - cause to be published throughout the world.

V. 2 - Procedure of the servant. He will progress without violence or clamour. Move in silence not strife or crying, or trumpet, or public noise.

(Cyrus) was to be very mild and gentle.

(Christ) was to be even more gentle.

(Christians) must likewise put away bitterness, wrather, anger, and clamour -- "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted".

His methods quiet and gentle - no noisy demonstrations - humble - peaceable.

We find it easier to discover faults than to find a remedy - to complain - not so with the Scripture. Gentle way our Lord exposes sin - give a revelation - The work of the Saviour's work is described as "The Judgment of this world".

V. 3 - (Patiently) The Glant Servant deals with man.

Two things: Bruised Reed - Not Break.

2 * Smoking Flax - Not Quench.

Reference to gentle treatment with those that are wicked - will be patient with them.

Bruised Reed - Bruised, bleeding, wounded world.

Sadducees went out to see "John The Baptist" a reed shaken by the wind".

Reed - inconspicuous, weak, worthless plant. Fragile and slim.

Like a splintered reed - just about in two parts.

The contrite heart - there appears a little faith - very small - weak faith, but it cried out "Lord, I believe, help mine unbelief".

Confession is ready, Jesus heals the bruised reed!

Bruised - broken God's law - afflictions of evil almost snap the reed.

He helps us with our recovery - strengthen it - tenderness to feeble men in despair.

Question here is Your Willingness!

Weakness - oppression - little knowledge - He makes you strong.

Smoking Flax - Smaller than a tallow candle - a taper - easily blown out.

Feeble glimmering wick about to go out. The Messiah will not quench the flame of faith. Trim and give fresh oil - cause to burn brightly - fans the wick - the spark in a man's conscience.

Emblem of what we are - so weak - smoking flax - one feeble spark - easy to put out completely.

Religion is in a low degree - Divine things not in 1st place - world cannot help, light of hope low in human hearts - his quickens instead of extinguishing.

Bring forth judgment - His name made known among Gentiles. John 8:8-11.

Animals turn upon the weak members and destroy. Jesus promises to help the weak - bruised reeds - sinners the wind bends and bruise - no way to snap back.

Michelangelo's Statue - Florence of David the shepherd - Marble - 9 cubits high .
Determined, erect, act of hurling the fatal stone.

100 years before time of M. block of marble brought to Florence by a now unknown sculptor. Work on a figure. Cut great slice out of the side - cast aside - useless. M. caught possibility - outlined and carved majestic figure. New design - out stepped David.

Christ takes the bruised reed and makes a master piece.

Flickering light - wick - smoky lamp.

Before complete relapse sets its a blaze.

Matt. 12 - Story withered hand - healed on Sabbath - Sheep in pit. How much better is a man than a sheep? Pharisees attempt to destory - Jesus quoted Isaiah told people healed not , make big show, fulfill Prophecy.

V. 4 - (Not Fail) - Bring forth judgment to the nations. Going to spread religion, not by clamor, by violence, the means by which he was to establish his Kingdom in the earth - not of this world - came not with observation. Luke 17:20. Neither by meat nor drink but righteousness and peace and joy.

Ungrateful world not prevent - Bethlehem to Gethsemane to Calvary -- not fail until results of redemption spread. Religion in the world a strange plant. Angels rejoice in its power, Devil's tremble at it.

Nor Discouraged giants before the flood - Pharaohs of Egypt - Monarchs of Babylon and Rome.

Unpopular - Some forsook him and fled. Not fail at Pentecost or at death.

Men often say today Christianity is a failure! Prophet over 2,000 years ago said he would not fail - choose your side! Men think he has failed because the church may stumble or the agencies are inadequate.

Men look to the sword and armies - Christ simply said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Men look to science and say there are errors in the Bible. But where are the schools, hospitals, temples of infidelity? Voltaire said he lived in the twilight of Christianity - so he did. But Christianity continues to burn with a bright light.

Men look to material things and speak of failure of the church. Still say preaching of cross foolishness.

Jesus was not worried - the earth that is now under the curse of sin will witness the Judgment.

Earth where He lived, wept, stricken, rejected, crucified, buried --- will see His Judgment in the earth.

Isles wait for his law - Gentiles wait for his Gospel.

II. Speciality - V. 5-9.

Special covenant by the creator.

V. 5 The Great God - Mighty one - authority - servant of the Lord and his mission are from the Mighty God.

Above - Created heavens - stretched.

Below - Created earth - spread.

Creasures - Breath unto the People.

Power - Spirit.

V. 6 The Lord's Servant.

A. Called - appointed.

B. Covenant - Eternal life promised through Christ.

C. Commission - ^{Jesus -} light to Gentiles.

Sabine Gowld caused to be inscribed on his tombstone "I'll have prepared a lantern for my christ"

Function of a lantern is to give light,

The function of a Christians lantern is to give light -

V. 7 Speciality in curing Spiritually Blindness.

Deliver from prison of sin.

V. 8 Who is this? Not Cyrus!

Authority to fulfill all promises. "I Am" - All that the name signifies, eternal, self-existent, my glory can not be shared with any other being that exists. Jehovah of Peace - The Lord will provide.

Knockout blow to image worship.

V. 9 - Prophecy - Seeing the end from the beginning. Former - Been fulfilled.
God helped before - Word not fail. New things - New Testament blessings.

III. Singing - V. 10-12.

V. 10 - Joyous Praise - invites Gentiles to help in the singing.

New Song - Giving of Christ to the Gentiles was a new thing. Eph. 3:5, 6.

Invites:

A. - The Ends of the Earth.

B. - The Sailors on the Sea.

C. - The Island People - Gentile world cut off from God's church.

V. 11 D. - The Desert Dwelling People.

E. - The City Dwelling People.

F. - The Village Dwelling People (Keshar - lay to the East of Jerusalem)

G. - The inhabitants of the Rock - Those that lived on the mountain tops -
poor - Petra - rock city. (Jesus is the Rock. I Cor. 10:3. That rock
was Christ in the wilderness - drank of Spiritual Rock)

V. 12 - Give glory to God. Repeat of V. 10.

No great Revival without Great Praise - Abundance of.

IV. Success - V. 13-17.

V. 13 - Manifestation of power - Lord about to go forth to destroy and devour - punish
Israel - judgment. Satan's strong hold be pulled down - Christ is going forth victor.

Predicted triumph of truth - Rev. 11:15.

V. 14 - Compared to Trivial - God has loved - gentle - not longer endure - destroy at
once!

He restrains no longer.

Day of deliverance - He is strong.

V. 15 - Destruction of the great and mighty ones of the earth.

V. 16 - Messiah a light.

Blind man - strange city, Room dare not move. Take by the hand.

Israel in wilderness for 40 years. Dark - dreary - time.

Complete distress - Jacob - given up on Joseph as being dead - last days in strange land.

God does the strange and unknown.

Recall your life - totally different from anything you expected years ago. Like blind men, did not foresee the accident - bereavement - sudden reverse - were these wasted issues? What can be the explanation? Proof God leads the blind. Paul visiting Damascus - stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Much of our blindness is:

First, Home spun - self torture.

Second, Over exaggerated.

Third, Disappear when overwhelming -(Red Sea)

Fourth, Never too heavy - God will lead - Trust his promises.

Crooked - Yoke is easy.

God has held his peace - his child has oppression; calamity, accident. Comes with his love incredible.

Have you ever felt this way - cutting force of darkness - blackness of darkness passes.

V. 17 - Time for reformation.

V. ¹⁸Shortsighted - V. ~~18~~ 25.

18 - V. 19 - Blindness of Jewish Nation - Priests servants of the people deaf and blind.

Tragic indictment - messengers of God. Deaf and blind in spiritual things. They do not see it - they do not hear it.

V. 20 - Nation - Seeing but not observing.

Church - Lukewarm - Blindness

See - Experience things - still unchanged.

V. 21 Work of Christ - For the sake of his righteous cause he will not abandon them to moral ruin. Not give up his Kingdom. He will reclaim his people, provide a remedy.

V. 22 - Suffering of the People For Their Sins. Due to blindness - shortsightedness - impenitent - unreformed - Babylon - prison - lost possessions.

V. 23 - Who? Question.

Sin has robbed.

Reasoned with.

You may hear the voice of God - you are invited to hear - it is worth your time.

Many hear do not pay any attention to it.

If you hear you must have an eye of faith.

V. 24 - Acknowledge the land of God in blindness - interest in Heaven.

Disobedient - broke his laws - Deadened by sin.

V. 25 Iniquities / Scourge of wars - captivity - waste of Jerusalem set on fire.

Did not change his way - Chastisement not change.

God surrounded them with his Judgment.

Not change his plan to mediate our salvation.

"See the ransomed millions stand,
Palms of conquest in their hand;
This before the throne their strain,
Hell is vanquished, death is slain!"

Blessings, honor, glory, might,
Are the Conqueror's native right;
Thrones and powers before him fall
Lamb of God, and Lord of all!

Hasten, Lord, the promised hour;

Come in glory and in power;

Still thy foes are unsubdued;

Nature sighs to be renewed.

Time has nearly reached its sun

All things, with the bride, say "come".

Jesus, whom all worlds adore,

Come and reign for evermore".