

The Chosen Servant: God Without Equal Isaiah 42

Who is HE that has no equal?

1. HE is the LORD's Servant (vv. 1-8), the only hope for the nations among false gods (41:29).
He is the Messiah to come (Isa. 53; Matt. 12:17-21).
He will be faithful to His chosen (41:9; vv.6-9).
2. HE calls the nations to declare His praise (vv. 10-12) for His might to be displayed against His foes (v.13).
The coming (physical) deliverance of Israel from Babylon
The greater (spiritual) deliverance of God's chosen through His Servant (v.16)
3. HE calls for Israel to turn to Him (18-25)
God's national servant Israel is deaf and blind to God (vv. 18-20).
Israel's suffering is God's doing for their disobedience (vv. 24-25).
Consequence of their sin
Display of God's mercy & grace through suffering that they might turn to Him

What does this mean for us?

Truths:

Disobedience leads us away from God to trust other things for deliverance.

God's faithfulness, love, and power are displayed in the deliverance of His people.

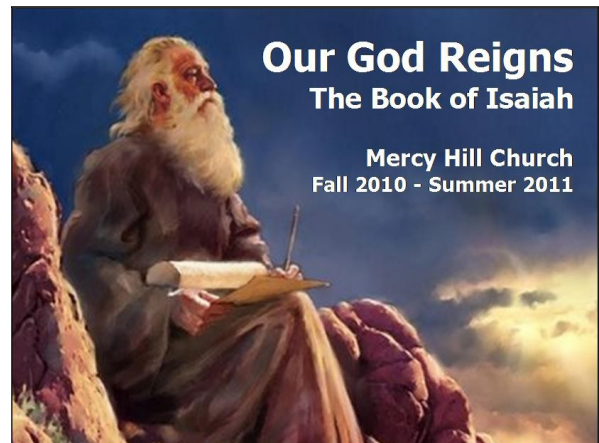
God uses suffering (chastises us) that we might turn to Him, and His chastisement is a glorious display of His mercy, grace, and love for His people (Heb. 12:5-8)

Obey:

Trust Jesus to deliver us from all circumstances and to meet all our needs.

Praise Him, in word and deed, for His great work of salvation and His faithful promises to us.

Thank the Lord for the blessing of sufferings.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

