



Behold, Meet My Servant!

Servant Song 1 • Isaiah 42:1-9

- Advent with Your **FAMILY** – Celebrate the Two Comings (“Advent”) of Christ in the Four Sundays in December.

1st Sunday Dec 1	The PROMISE Candle <i>like</i> the OT Prophets and Prophecies
2nd Sunday Dec 8	The PREPARATION Candle <i>like</i> Anna & Simeon, Zacharias & Elizabeth, Mary & Joseph
3rd Sunday Dec 15	The PROCLAMATION Candle <i>like</i> the Angels and Shepherds
4th Sunday Dec 22	The PARTICIPATION Candle <i>like</i> the Wise Men
5th Christmas Dec 25	The PURPOSE Candle <i>as in</i> the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ, <i>who came and is coming again!</i>
- Advent in Our **CLASS** – The Servant Songs of Isaiah: **“BEHOLD, My Servant!”** 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12
- Advent as a **CHURCH**– Isaiah Worship Series + Advent Reading Plan: **BEHOLD! Christmas with Isaiah** (See Handout + Website)

OUR PROBLEM: The World Deserves God’s Judgment.

1. God’s Rebel Creation Is Filled with **DISORDER** and **DEPRAVITY**. *Isaiah 1–39*

*We Live in a Chaotic **WORLD** Filled with Corrupt **PEOPLE/HEARTS**.*

- The Nation of Israel – *God’s Chosen People* – was called to be His Servant and a Light to the Gentiles but was living in darkness due to...

1) Being UNJUST	2) Being UNRIGHTEOUS	3) Being UNFAITHFUL
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Is Our Time Any Different? Are We Any Better?

*The World is not **functioning** like it should (disorder) and our hearts are not **fixed** where they need to be (depravity)!*

*When we live East of Eden Christmas is **NEVER** like a Hallmark Movie and until God’s Kingdom comes it is **ALWAYS** winter and never Christmas!*

2. The Holy One of Israel **CHALLENGES** the False Gods to Prove Their Case. *Isaiah 41:21-29*

- **Challenge:** *Prove you are gods **WORTHY** of worship! (22-24)*

Show you control history by predicting future judgment and deliverance!
- **Behold:** *God judges these false gods to be **WORTHLESS**! (24, 29)*
- **Boom:** *God proves He is worthy of worship by predicting the future and literally **FULFILLING** it. (25-28)*

*The LORD predicts **150 years** in advance that **Cyrus, King of Persia** would defeat Babylon and free the Remnant of Judah to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple! 41:25-28, 2-4; 44:28–45:7*

GOD’S SOLUTION: Behold, Meet My Servant!

1. The Servant’s **MASTER** Is the Holy One of Israel. (1a)

- My Servant whom I **UPHOLD**. (*Protection*)

- My Chosen One in whom My soul **DELIGHTS**. (*Election*)
- My Anointed One on whom I have put My **SPIRIT**. (*Identification*)
Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Luke 9:35; John 8:29

2. The Servant's **MISSION** Is to Restore God's Order Among the Nations and in All Creation. (1b, 3-4)

- **2 KEY WORDS** in the Book of Isaiah that are almost always found together: **JUDGMENT** & **FAITHFULNESS**.
 - 1) **JUDGMENT** = *Just decision-making that results in RESTORATION.*
 - 2) **FAITHFULNESS** = *Right relating in God's eyes that results in RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

The opposite of JUDGMENT is bloodshed and the opposite of FAITHFULNESS is oppression.

- **1 BIG IDEA:** The Servant's Mission is to **FAITHFULLY RESTORE** God's Order to this disordered world filled with depraved hearts!

3. The Servant's **MANNER** Is Gentle, Quiet, and Faithful to the End. (2-4)

What the Servant will NOT Do to Restore God's Order:

- He will not **PROMOTE** Himself or lead a public protest.
- He will not **FORCE** Himself on others or resort to physical violence.

What the Servant WILL Do Is...

*Restore God's order to the nations and all creation **quietly, gently, and faithfully!***

4. The Servant's **MAINSTAY** Is the "I AM" God. (5-6a)

*The "I AM" God is the **CREATOR** of all things and the **REDEEMER** who always keeps His promises and is ever-present to deliver on them.*

5. The Servant's **MINISTRY** Is to Bring Liberating Light to Those Bound in Darkness. (6b-7)

***WHAT Is the Purpose of the Servant's Ministry?** To open blind eyes and set people free who are enslaved in dungeons of darkness!*

***HOW Will the Servant Fulfill the Purpose of His Ministry?** By being a Covenant to the People and a Light to the Gentiles!*

***What Is the "Covenant"?** The **New Covenant** seems most likely.
*Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:20**

***Who Are the "People"?** The **Nation of Israel** seems most likely.
*Isaiah 49:8-13; 55:3; 59:21; 61:8; but no other text mentions a covenant with Gentiles; see also Luke 2:30-32; Acts 26:22-23; Acts 13:46-48**

***The Master's Servant Will Fulfill His Ministry to Restore Order to This Disordered World and Depraved Hearts**
By being **WHO** He is, teaching **WHAT** He knows, and **DOING** what He only He can do – Jesus is the **GOSPEL!***

Now that You Have Met "My Servant" How Will You Respond? Isaiah 42:8-12

- **TRUST** the LORD's Servant to make you a **New Creation**.
 - **GIVE** the LORD the glory He deserves for making His Servant your **New Covenant**.
 - **SERVE** the LORD in a **New Manner** with gentleness and compassion.
 - **SING** to the LORD a **New Song** for one day He will make all things new.