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God's Just Servant

LESSON FOR JUNIORS

Study Scripture – Isaiah 42:1-9

Background Scripture – Isaiah 41-42

Key Verse:

*“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;
My chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth Justice to the nations.”*

Isaiah 42:1

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever been in the dark? It certainly is not a pleasant feeling for most people. In the dark many people will have nightmares and dreams that they are seeing all kind of things that do not really exist. Sometimes in the dark you feel worse than you really should but that is normal. You cry out for mom or dad or brother or sister so that you have the comforting feeling that if you need help you have someone around you that will help you. Some people including children of course try to get mom or dad to buy a night light which burns all through the night. Some of them come on automatically when it gets dark in the house and even shut off automatically when the sun comes up and the room and the house gets lighter.

Having light available is the most beautiful and comforting thing. Light is beautiful God has made absolutely sure, fully guaranteeing it, that He will send His special Servant who will bring light, Justice, and good government to take people out of the bad way of life and the unjust things that keep happening to people..

One of the most popular images is that of a lighthouse. When ships are traveling on the ocean they will see the lighthouse and they will steer the ship toward that location so that they will come to a safe harbour and out of the storm.

Because of sin unfortunately in the world a lot of time it looks dark for children. Sometimes they are abused in all different kinds of ways, sometimes they are bullied by other children, and sometimes they are not treated fairly by even adults and people that should know better. We know that this kind of thing exists and so laws have been created in our country to stop people from abusing children. We want people to follow the laws to support children, comfort them, help them to grow and develop careers which will make life very pleasant for them and their children.

God understands and sees everything that happens and so He has put together a very beautiful plan which He has guaranteed will help us.

In our Lesson today the prophet Isaiah, a powerful messenger from God who taught us what God really wants in the world, tells us in very strong language that God “delights” in us. He also loves us so much that He has called us to believe in Him and He put His Spirit in us so that we have the ability to do good to others, to love others and to be fair to others. God wants us to love others the same way as we love ourselves.

God has put a light in us, says the prophet. This light is beautiful and it's so set up that everyone can see this light. Just like all the light in the lighthouse comes through a special glass in the building to increase the strength of the light we see and to make the light more powerful so that it can be seen by ships 20 or 30 miles out to sea warning them of dangerous rocks and telling them that there is a safe harbour in the direction where the lighthouse is, so the light in us is beautiful and God has set up so that many people will be helped when they look at us.

The light that we have in us is given to us by a special Servant that God the Father has sent down into the world to help, heal, and guide us. This Servant loves us so much that He was prepared to leave His beautiful throne and the worship of angels in heaven and to come down to Earth to direct us and even die on the Cross at a place called Calvary for us so that our sins and difficulties would one day vanish completely.

His promises to us will be fulfilled. God has told us in His Bible what He expects us to do and since He is so kind and gracious and understanding He has told us that He will give us the ability that will enable us to do what He requires. God wants us to do activities that will honour His name. We do that when we love God and love other human beings. The things that we do will make others realize the beauty and kindness of God and lead them to begin to come to God.

This Servant of God is called Jesus and when He came to us as a Servant of His Father He was totally obedient to what His Father wanted Him to do.

The word meaning “Servant” used by Isaiah means “*to grasp, to hold, or to support*” and so we know God the Father holds His Servant Jesus in an affectionate embrace, supporting Him, giving Him what He needs so He will succeed in His mission.

God “delights” in His Servant and so we know this Servant is not someone who will be badly treated and abused and used and thrown away, but instead is someone who will bring joy to the heart of His Father. There is great love and affection between Jesus and His Father and the Father is pleased with His Servant Jesus who does things that He knows God the Father wants.

So God the Father put His powerful Spirit on the Servant. God the Father lives in the light and this light of the Father, His energy and love gives power to the obedient Servant who also is the Son of God.



He had a special mission to do. This mission included bringing justice to **the nations** which included Israel as well as all other nations of the world.

Justice of course depends on righteousness for behaving righteously leads to doing practical things to make the life of people personally and the communities in which we live better.

The Servant will follow the Law of God completely and be completely honest and impartial. He will treat everyone from all the nations on earth fairly. It will not matter whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

He will not behave like what many people do shouting and screaming and showing off. He will behave modestly. He will not be like other leaders who do bad things to the poor, the weak, the vulnerable, and people who cannot help themselves. He will go about His work quietly and faithfully bringing support to those who do not have much.

Even if somebody is not doing right things or behaving properly He will not just condemn them, call them stupid and hit them down and make them feel so bad that the little good that they are doing will be stopped. He will act to encourage the weak as well as wrong doers to improve themselves and to turn to God for strength to do what God the Father wants.

This Servant will never fail in what He intended to do. The reason for this is that God the Father who sent Him was the One who created the Heaven and the Earth. God had all power and might. So the Servant knows He should be obedient and faithful to the wishes of the Father.

God wants you to accept His love and the value of the work of His Servant. Choose to accept the work of the Servant.

He has given us Light so that we will know what to do and where to go. When you are in the dark God will show you the Light so that you too shall shine and everybody will see God.

God has put His Spirit in us and He want us to listen to the guidance of His Spirit just as His Servant listened and did excellently.

God expects all of us He has chosen and made His children to respond to Him and obey His commandments and follow the rules that He has established for if we do as He has commanded we will be blessed and live happy and safe lives.

That is exactly the position that we are in with respect to God. God loves us. But if our heart ever becomes indifferent to God's love and the success that He wants us to achieve we should stop and consider and wonder that He has chosen us and put us in His family and that He has a purpose for us.

God has a great and beautiful plan and in this plan our job is to do loving things for others which will glorify His name among all the people that we meet.



This is important for us because we are told that when Jesus came, died on the Cross and was Resurrected and Returned to Heaven all those that believed in Jesus were given special gifts. Every believer in Jesus is given one or more gifts so that they could serve and minister to other people who belong to Jesus. This is a great responsibility. God made sure that He provided every one of the people that believe in Him to have supernatural abilities (these abilities were much different from and greater than natural talents and abilities) so that they could do the work that God wanted them to do. There are probably over 30 of these different gifts that are listed in the Bible.

But in order to use these gifts we are told that we have to follow the Servant, be godly and live before God in awe or very great respect, understanding that He is the one that made us and the entire world. He is a God of great love and Kindness. He was always be faithful and keep His promises. He will always be merciful. He will never forsake His people but will always be there for them. As a result of this when we receive those supernatural gifts which had been given they come to us with great responsibilities.

We must know where our heart belongs. We should never have our attention turn away from God.

But He expects us to love Him and to love other people and to show that by also doing what He has told us to do.

So let us act justly like god's special Servant and when we are in a position to lead others we must lead them with justice and fairness.

If we do with these things and keep them in our hearts we cannot go wrong!

