

ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A JUST SERVANT

Isaiah 42:1-9

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Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lesson Overview

1

Description of God's Servant of Justice

Isaiah examines the qualities of being
Spirit-Filled, having Humility and Purpose,
and Determination to Finish the Work

vv. 1-4

2

The Mission and Work of a Just Champion

His Calling,
His Covenant,
His Commission

vv. 5-9

**DEVOTIONAL READING
PSALM 98**



Meaningful Words

UNTIL THE GREAT MASS OF THE PEOPLE SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH OTHER'S WELFARE, SOCIAL JUSTICE CAN NEVER BE ATTAINED.

Helen Keller



Devotional Meditation

O SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG, FOR HE HAS DONE MARVELOUS THINGS.

Psalm 98:1a



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Part 1: Who is God's Servant of Justice?

VV.1-4

"...I have put my Spirit upon Him..."

"...He will not cry...He will faithfully..."

"...He will not grow faint or be crushed..."

- How can we emulate being Spirit-led?
- Can we be agents of justice for those vulnerable to loneliness and ill health?

- What does it mean to be faithful in the line of duty, in spite of risks?

- Let us Live in His Light
- Let us Open our Hearts to the Blind
- Let us Love the Prisoner and Stranger



Part 2: What is the Servant for Justice's Job?

VV. 5-9

His Calling

- Christ is calling us to serve
- Christ is calling us to love
- Christ is calling us to care

His Covenant

- Christ has Covenanted with His People
- We have Covenanted with our Church
- Let us Covenant to our Neighbor

His Commission

- Do we have tasks that are difficult, and are we able to stay focused and on point?



Gospel Fulfillment

Matthew 12:17-21

17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

18 "Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

19 He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

20 He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory.

21 And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

**All of us as God's People share in Christ's Commission
as His Ambassadors of Justice and Peace**