

Lesson 18: Isaiah 42-43

Questions

1. What does the Lord's servant do and how does he act (42:1-4)?
2. What does the Lord God create and what does he do for his servant (42:5-7)?
3. What does the Lord do to show that he is not a graven image (42:8-9)?
4. What does Isaiah call upon the people to do (42:10-12)?
5. What does the Lord do to show his might (42:13-17)?
6. How does Isaiah describe the Lord's own people (42:18-22)?
7. What question does Isaiah ask (42:23)?
8. What does the Lord do to the deaf and blind Israel who sin against him and how do they react (42:24-25)?
9. What reasons does the Lord give to Israel for them not to fear (43:1-7)?
10. What are the deaf and blind Israel called upon to do (43:8-9)?
11. What does the Lord do to show that he is the only God (43:10-13)?

12. What prediction does the Lord give to Israel to show that he can tell the future before it happens (43:14-17)?
13. What new thing does the Lord do for his chosen people (43:18-21)?
14. What further description is given of the deaf and blind Israel (43:22-24)?
15. Why does the Lord blot out man's transgressions (43:25)?
16. What does the Lord call upon Israel to do (43:26)?
17. What does Israel do and how does the Lord respond (43:27-28)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where in the NT is Isaiah 42:1-4 quoted and who is it applied to?
2. Where are Kedar and Sela located on a map (42:11)?
3. Where are Egypt, Ethiopia, and Seba located on a map (43:3)?
4. Who are the Lord's "witnesses" in the NT (43:12)?
5. Where else in Isaiah is Israel called to come and reason with the Lord (43:26)?

Applications for Today

1. Jesus is the Lord's servant who brings hope to the nations (42:1-4; Mt. 12:18-21).
2. Only the Lord can declare the things that will happen before they come to pass (42:9; Isa. 48:4-7).
3. It is good to sing praises to the Lord (42:10-12; Heb. 13:15).
4. The Lord's people can be spiritually blind and deaf (42:18-22; Mt. 13:14-15).
5. It is important to learn from the past concerning how God deals with his people (42:23; 1 Cor. 10:5-12; Heb. 4:1-11; Jude 5-7).
6. When the Lord punishes his people for their sin, they need to lay it to heart (42:24-25; Ex. 7:23; Jer. 12:11; Mal. 2:2).
7. The Lord forms a people for himself - a people to belong to him (43:1-2, 21; 1 Pet. 2:9-10).
8. There is one, true God (43:10-11; 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:5).
9. We must be careful not to grow "weary" of serving the Lord and fall into sin (43:22-24; Mal. 1:13).
10. The Lord punishes mankind for his sins (43:27-28; Heb. 2:2-3; 10:26-31).