

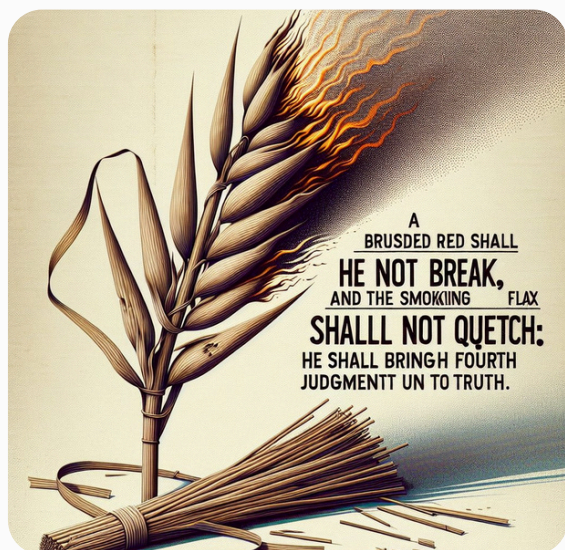
Rev. Luke's Weekly Blog

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THE SERVANT, THE ELECT ONE

ISAIAH 42: 1-4



Isaiah 42: 3

***Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth.
He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His law.***

This prophecy depicts a Servant endowed with divine authority and Spirit-filled power, tasked with establishing God's justice through gentleness, mercy, and unwavering fidelity.

In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus reads from Isaiah 61 in the synagogue, announcing that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him, sent to bring good news to the poor, freedom for the oppressed, and recovery of sight for the blind. Jesus' ministry mirrors the Servant's attributes: He heals the brokenhearted and restores those who are spiritually weakened; He didn't and doesn't break the bruised reed or quench the faintly burning wick.

Matthew 12:18-21 directly cites Isaiah 42:1-4, noting that the prophecy's fulfillment is witnessed in Jesus' humility, compassion, and gentleness. Jesus' approach contrasts with worldly force, illustrating that divine justice often operates through patience, mercy, and sacrificial love rather than loud proclamations or coercion.

Romans 8:9-11 emphasizes the Spirit dwelling in Christ and believers, empowering life, witness, and transformative justice. Similarly, Galatians 3:13-14 presents Christ as the anointed one who redeems humanity, taking on the curse of the law to open the blessings of Abraham to the nations; a fulfillment of Isaiah's vision of the Servant bringing justice to all peoples.

In Philippians 2:5-8, we see the Servant's character in Christ: His humility, obedience, and self-emptying perfectly reflect Isaiah's description of a Servant who will not grow faint or be discouraged, yet whose mission establishes justice and salvation for the world.

The Servant's mission in Isaiah extends to the nations. Jesus embodies this mission through the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), bringing the light of God's kingdom to all peoples. His interactions with Gentiles, Samaritans, and marginalized individuals exemplify the faithful bringing forth of justice without prejudice.

Prayer points:

1. That the same Spirit placed upon Christ will empower us.
2. Ask God to give us endurance and courage to continue the work of justice, mercy, and witness until God's purposes are fulfilled in the earth.
3. That the church may faithfully participate in the mission to proclaim the gospel to all.



Philippians 2: 7



Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!
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