

The Servant of Consolation

Isaiah 42:1-9

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
Isaiah 9:2

Into the Lesson:

With a phone App, or a dictionary off the shelf (old school), look up the definition of "consolation" or "console".

Google (new school kind of) "Isaiah quoted in the New Testament" and spend some time focusing on Lane's quote, *"...the powerful impact of Isaiah's prophecies..."*

How does the consistency of verses like Matthew 12:15-21 help to provide a sense of "being on the same page" with the Eternal God and His Word?

Into the Word:

Take the time to read all of chapter 42, because if we've learned anything at Valley, we know to keep things in context.

As you read, make note of verses you may have seen or heard in various hymns or choruses.

For a very long read, beginning at Genesis 3 read the continuous history of mankind, and the Nation of Israel, and their attempts to, "do it my way".

How is this confirmed by Lane's quote, *...they - and all of mankind without God has no real answer to the point of life?*

Contrast how the Servant acts in verses 2-4 with the self-serving actions of the Pharisees that we read about in;

Matthew 12-

Mark 12:38-

Luke 12:1-

But lest you think the "Servant" is just some "mamby-pamby", "all roads lead to God", read Revelations 19:11-16 (still thing this would make a great full back tattoo).

But between then and now we still have the hope of Isaiah 42:3.

How does this play out in the life of the "bruised reed" we read of in John 4:1-42?

How does this fit with the concept Of "bringing the blind out of prison" of Isaiah 42:7?

Into Life:

Spend some time in prayer and contemplation over this profound truth from Lane's sermon,

"Because God is Sovereign and, in His time, - He will fulfill all that He has purposed"

What are some of the evidences we see these days that "bruised reeds" and "smoldering wicks" are often overlooked in our culture?

How does this fit in with the idea, *"They had just replaced the immortal with the temporal - much like we do today"*?

Is it possible that somebody could be walking in a sundrenched day and still feel "blind and in prison"?

How do we reach the person who believed in the darkness and walked blindly into:

The "convenience" of terminating a pregnancy-
Can't see a way out because of a lifetime of bad choices-

Believes, "I can quit anytime"-

Why would God even want anything to do with me-

***"Yet there is wisdom in His words –
gentleness in His behavior – compassion in
His eyes – and power in His hands...
Oh to be like Jesus..."***

This Week's Songs:

Yours Alone

Great Are You Lord

Goodness Of God

High + Humble King

A Thousand Hallelujahs

