

**TO KNOW GOD YOU MUST KNOW
GOD'S CHERISHED SERVANT
JESUS CHRIST**

INTRODUCTION: This wonderful message of the cherished servant of Jesus Christ begins in Chapter 40 of Isaiah where people are described as in the wilderness, in darkness and bondage.

In Chapter 40 God comforts them by declaring to them that He Himself will come to them to save them.

God knew it might be hard for them to believe He would bring His promised salvation when they were weak and broken and under oppression.

God is the one who gives power to the faith and weary, (ISAIAH 40:30-31)

TRANSITION: In Chapter 42 of Isaiah we see the Lord focus on His Chosen Servant who brings His salvation. Isaiah spoke these things before Jesus coming and we are in the midst of the days when Christ is going forth through the Church establishing that righteousness Kingdom in all the earth.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: (ISAIAH 42:1)

I. SEE HOW JESUS IS DESCRIBED IN RELATION TO THE FATHER

1. God calls Him "My Servant"

a. Jesus who will establish God's kingdom of righteousness among all nations.

2. Jesus is the one who single-handedly carries out the Father's work

3. Jesus is the one who brings light and liberty where there was darkness and Death.

4. Jesus is the one who does the Father's will.

5. We are told in (PHILLIPPIANS 2:6-8)

a. Jesus' obedience was so complete that He went to the cross to take on the sin which He did not commit.

II. JESUS IS ALSO CALLED GOD'S "ELECT ONE"

1. God chose Him for this work and Christ's submission is grounded in love that was deep to the point of becoming flesh and going to the cross.

2. Whatever He gives us to do it must be an obedient commitment of love.

III. JESUS IS ALSO CALLED THE VERY DELIGHT OF GOD

1. At Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:17) "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

2. Again at the transfiguration (Matthew 17:5)

3. It is also God's delight that we become the delight of His soul through Jesus.

4. God brings us into life by the (Spirit) "I have put my Spirit upon Him."

IV. THE WORK THAT JESUS DOES

1. "He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles."

2. No doubt since the "fall of mankind" things are not right.

3. Jesus will establish a kingdom characterized by true righteousness rather than oppression, corruption, and wickedness.

CONCLUSION: GOD HAS DONE HIS PART AND JESUS HIS SERVANT HAS DONE HIS. THE QUESTION REMAINS WILL WE DO OURS?