

ISAIAH CHAPTER 42

¹ Jacob is My servant, I will help him; Israel is My elect, My soul has accepted him; I have put My Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. ² He shall not cry, nor lift up *his voice*, nor shall his voice be heard outside. ³ A bruised reed he shall not break, and smoking flax he shall not quench; but he shall bring forth judgment to truth. ⁴ He shall shine out, and shall not be discouraged, until he has set judgment on the earth; and in his name shall the Gentiles trust."

⁵ Thus says the Lord God, who made the heaven, and established it; who settled the earth, and the things in it, and gives breath to the people in it, and spirit to them that tread on it: ⁶ "I, the Lord God, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will strengthen you; and I have given you for the covenant of a race, for a light of the Gentiles; ⁷ to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the bound and them that sit in darkness out of bonds and the prison house. ⁸ I am the Lord God; that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praises to graven images. ⁹ Behold, the ancient things have come to pass, and *so will* the new things which I tell you; yes, before I declare *them* they are made known to you."

¹⁰ Sing a new hymn to the Lord; you *who are* His dominion, glorify His name from the ends of the earth; you that go down to the sea, and sail upon it; the islands, and they that dwell in them. ¹¹ Rejoice, you wilderness, and the villages thereof, the hamlets, and the inhabitants of Kedar; the inhabitants of the rock shall rejoice, they shall shout from the top of the mountains. ¹² They shall give glory to God, *and* shall proclaim His praises in the islands. ¹³ The Lord God of hosts shall go forth, and crush the war; He shall stir up jealousy, and shall shout mightily against His enemies.

¹⁴ "I have been silent; shall I also always be silent and forbear; I have endured like a travailing *woman*; I will *now* amaze and wither at once. ¹⁵ I will make desolate mountains and hills, and will dry up all their grass; and I will make the rivers islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶ And I will bring the blind by a way that they did not know, and I will cause them to tread paths which they have not known; I will turn darkness into light for them, and crooked things into straight. These things will I do, and I will not forsake them. ¹⁷ But they are turned back; be utterly ashamed, you that trust in graven *images*, who say to the molten *images*, 'You are our gods.'

¹⁸ "Hear, you deaf, and look up, you blind, to see. ¹⁹ And who is blind, but My servants? And *who is* deaf, but those that rule over them? Yes, the servants of God have been made blind. ²⁰ You have often seen, and have not taken heed; *your* ears have been opened, and you have not heard."

²¹ The Lord God has taken counsel that He might be justified, and might magnify *His* praise. ²² And I beheld, and the people were spoiled and plundered; for *there is* a snare in the secret chambers everywhere, and in the houses also, where they have hidden them; they became a spoil, and there was no one that delivered the prey, and there was none who said, "Restore."

²³ *Who is there* among you that will give ear to these things? Hearken to the things which are coming to pass. ²⁴ For what did He give Jacob up to spoil, and Israel to them that

plundered him? Did not God *do it* against whom they sinned? *And* they would not walk in His ways, nor obey His law. ²⁵ So He brought upon them the fury of His wrath; and the war, and those that burned round about them, prevailed against them; yet none of them knew *it*, neither did they take *it* to heart.