

THE GREAT OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGIAN
A SCRIPTURAL STUDY OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH
(Chapters 40-66)
“The Servant of Yahweh and His Mission”

Isaiah 41:8-10

In this section of the text who is the servant of Yahweh?

How else does God address His servant?

What promises does God make with His servant?

What is the basic message of this text?

Isaiah 42:1-9

What does Yahweh say in this text about His servant?

Spoken of as an individual, what does God define as the mission of His servant in v.1b-4, 6-7?

In context, how would you define the meaning of the term “justice” – i.e. *“mishpat”* in Hebrew?

Does the scope of the Servant's mission focus exclusively on the covenant people or transcend the nation?

Isaiah 49:1-6

What do verses 1-3 say about the Servant's election, call, and equipment?

What might be meant about God's Word the servant would deliver when his mouth is described as "a sharp sword" and the Servant himself is like "a polished arrow?"

What feeling is expressed in verse 4 and why?

In verses 5 and 6 how does God respond to the Servant's feelings about the success of his mission so far?

How does the Apostle Paul make use of this passage from Isaiah, according to Acts 13:42-51?

How do the words of the Risen Christ relate to what we read at Isaiah 49:6? (see Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

At Deuteronomy 7:6 God speaks to the Hebrew people through Moses and says, “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.” In what way does the mission God gave the covenant people help make sense of their election as “God’s chosen people?” (see Genesis 12:1-3 – God’s word to Abram; Exodus 19:4-6 – God’s word to Moses; the Book of Jonah)

How does the Apostle Peter make use of that imagery at 1 Peter 2:9-10 to describe the Christian Church?

If the Church of Christ is God’s people, what is our mission today?

How can you personally participate in that great mission?