

Jesus Cares Because God Cares

Text: Isaiah 42:1–8

Introduction

The entire Old Testament is full of evidence of God's care and concern for His people. The Psalmist wrote, "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep" (Psalm 121:4). Isaiah shows that God's care is extended to all nations through His Servant, the Messiah, our Lord Jesus.

Message

1. God equipped the Messiah to show His care.

- a. God sent and equipped the best, the One in whom His whole being delights (verse 1).
- b. The Messiah was not sent to condemn weak, broken men or extinguish the hope of disillusioned men (verses 2,3).
- c. The Messiah was sent knowing the magnitude of His task, yet sufficient for it. His law (teaching, gospel) will meet the needs of a yearning world.

2. The Messiah brings God's care.

- a. He comes with a plan as thorough and complete as that which God showed in creation (verse 5).
- b. He comes to manifest God's righteousness and salvation. He does not merely give a covenant; He is the covenant and the light to both Jews and Gentiles (verse 6).
- c. As the covenant and the light, He opens eyes blinded by sin and sets men free (verse 7; Acts 26:17,18).

3. The Messiah's care is a revelation of God's nature (verse 8).

- a. God's name expresses His nature. The Lord (Jehovah) is His covenant-keeping name, the assurance He will act in faithful love.
- b. All praise and glory belong to Him. If we really care, we will not look for any credit for ourselves. We will want only to bring others into the blessings of His care ... because we care.

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