

# ISAIAH

Key Chapters of the Prophet

## Servant Songs Lesson 6

Isaiah's Ministry  
739-698 BC

Return to  
Jerusalem  
538 BC



Abraham  
2000 BC

Moses  
1500 BC

King David  
1000 BC

Israel  
Destroyed  
701 BC

Jerusalem  
Destroyed  
586 BC

## The Servant of the LORD

This lesson will take us through the four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. Throughout Isaiah, the Lord refers to Israel as his "Servant." God chose Jacob (Israel) and his descendants and set them apart to serve and honor the Lord. As we read throughout Isaiah, we see that people and leaders alike failed to serve the Lord faithfully. But the Lord reveals *THE* Servant of the Lord, the Messiah Jesus Christ. Where Israel fails, the Servant of the Lord prevails as our Savior!

## Servant Song 1 – Isaiah 42:1-4

Read **Isaiah 42:1-4**.

How is the Servant of the Lord introduced?

Verses 2-3 describe the Servant's demeanor as he interacts with the people.

How do we see this fulfilled in Jesus?

When might we feel like a bruised reed or a smoldering wick? What comfort do these verses give when you feel that way?

What is the "justice" which the Servant of the Lord establishes?

## Servant Song 2 – Isaiah 49:1-6

Read **Isaiah 49:1-6**.

How is Jesus, the Servant of the Lord pictured here?

In the previous chapters, the Lord held the nations accountable for their pride and idolatry. Now what does he tell the nations?

See verse 4. For what reasons might a human servant lose hope and think they have served in vain? How might this verse apply to Jesus?

See verse 6. The Lord said, *"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob... I will also make you a light for the Gentiles."* Sometimes what we have in mind or what we hope for is "too small a thing" for the Lord. Explain.

## Servant Song 3 – Isaiah 50:4-11

Read **Isaiah 50:1-3** for context.

Read **Isaiah 50:4-11**.

How is *THE* Servant of the Lord a stark contrast to Israel? (list at least 3 specific examples).

In this chapter we see clearly that we have failed to serve the Lord faithfully, but Jesus is perfect. Is the statement "We are not perfect, but Jesus is," in and of itself a gospel statement?

What is the Servant of the Lord willing to endure to carry out his mission?

List examples from Jesus' ministry that show he "set his face like flint."

Put verses 10-11 in your own words.

### **Discuss.**

We can certainly serve the Lord in joy and freedom. What could happen if we focus solely on the service we are offering?

Try to get your head around this concept: The Servant of the Lord is the Lord!

Read **Matthew 20:25-28**. How do Jesus' words here specifically impact your Christian life?

## Servant Song 4 – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

If time permits, read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Lesson 7 will address these verses in greater depth.

## Further Study

**Read Isaiah 49-56:8.** Since this study covers select chapters of Isaiah, each lesson suggests chapters to read at home. By the end of the course, you will have read all of Isaiah. You'll have time at the beginning of each class to share insights from your personal reading or ask questions.