

Hope for the Nations
Isaiah 42:1-9
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The Mission of God's Servant //

Isaiah 42:1 (NASB95)

1 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Matthew 12:18

Acts 17:31 (NLT)

31 For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

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Isaiah 42:2-4 (NASB95)

2 "He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street. 3 "A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

The Message to God's Servant //

Isaiah 42:5-9 (NASB95)

5 Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it, 6 "I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison. 8 "I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images. 9 "Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you."

"First, start with God! . . . If we don't start with him first, whatever we're seeking, it ain't justice. Second, be one in Christ! Christian brothers and sisters—black, white, brown, rich, poor—we are family. . . . If we give a foothold to any kind of tribalism that could tear down that unity, then we aren't bringing God's justice. Third, preach the gospel! The gospel of Jesus's incarnation, his perfect life, his death as our substitute and his triumph over sin and death is good news for everyone. . . . If we replace the gospel with this or that man-made political agenda, then we ain't doing biblical justice. Fourth and finally, teach truth! Without truth, there can be no justice. And what is the ultimate standard of truth? It is not our feelings. It is not popular opinion. It is not what presidents or politicians say. God's Word is the standard of truth. If we're trying harder to align with the rising opinions of our day than with the Bible, then we ain't doing real justice.

Tony Perkins

(foreword to *Confronting Injustice without Compromising Truth*)