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**SERIES: Isaiah, Part 2 (Comfort For His People)**

**TITLE: Program 8 – Hear, You Deaf!**

**WEDNESDAY**

**OPEN**

Are you persevering although things are very difficult? Sing, My Friend, sing. And know this. That the Lord is coming like a warrior. But on the other hand, are you going through the fire and have you dug in your heels? Have you said, “I am not going to budge, though I burn?” Then know this, Beloved, you’re in trouble and we need to talk.

**PART ONE**

Isaiah 42, Beloved, verse 8, we’ve got to make tracks because in this week I’ve got to get you all the way through the major portion of Isaiah 44. And as we go through this portion, I want you to know that you can either sing or you can dig in your heels. If you’re gonna dig in your heels, you’re gonna evoke the anger of the Lord. And yet He says to you, “I’m gonna be with you.” He’s not going to give up on you. Maybe you’ve given up on yourself, but He is not going to give up on you. Let’s go to Isaiah chapter 42. Now remember He’s talked about His servant that is going to come. He’s talked

about His servant who is a covenant and “His servant” who is a “light unto the nations.” (See Isaiah 42:1-7) Now He says again in verse 8, of Isaiah 42, **“I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another....” (Isaiah 42:8)** In other words, He is not going to share His glory. Why? Because He’s God, He’s not going to share His glory with an image. Why? Because an image is merely an idol created by man, and so He’s saying, “I’m not gonna do that.” He says now, **“...I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass....” (Isaiah 42:8-9)** I’ve told you what was going to happen. I told you before it happened. It has come to pass. **“...Now...,”** He’s saying, **“...I declare new things....” (Isaiah 42:9)** Now He’s talking to the people of Isaiah’s time. He’s talking to the people that are living under the rule of Hezekiah. Hezekiah is the king. The Northern Kingdom has gone into captivity. Only the Southern Kingdom exists. God has told them that they’re going to go into captivity. But He wants to declare to them new things because He wants them to get the point. And the point is that He is the Lord, and there is no other. No one else can do what He is going to do. So what does He say? He says in verse 10, **“Sing to the LORD a new song, sing His praise from the end[s] of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them. Let the wilderness and the cities lift up their voices, the settlements where Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing aloud, let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains. Let them give glory to the LORD....” (Isaiah 42:10-12)** Not to idols, you see many people today who name the name “Christian,” and some who are Christians, are giving their glory to idols. They’re giving the glory that belongs to the Lord, they’re giving to idols. That’s when you say, “I don’t have time to study the Bible.” If you don’t have time to study the Bible, then you’re giving the glory that belongs to God, the estimate of God, the weight of God, the person of God, the priority of God, you’re giving to someone else.

You're giving to money. You're giving it to greed. You're giving it to materialism. You're giving it to sports. You're giving it to your bod, you know, working out trying to get absolutely gorgeous. And that's not what it's all about. It's about God. And so He goes on to say, **"Let them give glory to the LORD and declare His praise in the coastlands."** He says, **"The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies."** (Isaiah 42:12-13) As He's saying this, He is taking you all the way just before the new heavens and the new earth. He's taking you to the Millennium. He's taking you to the time when [Jesus is going to come from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel. And when the dead are going to be raised and caught up to meet the Lord in the air.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Thessalonians 4:16) And then when you and I are going to come with Him as He comes on His white horse, and we're joining Him. And He comes to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. And He puts all the earth under His subjection, and then He turns the kingdom over to God. (See Revelation 19:11-16, 19-21) This is what is coming, Precious One. It's all here. It's all in the Book. And what He's saying is, "Shout! Sing! This is what's going to happen. God triumphs." He says, **"I have kept silent...."** And God is speaking, **"...for a long time, [I've] kept still and [I've] restrained Myself. Now like a woman in labor I...groan, I will both [gasp] and pant."** (Isaiah 42:14) And that's what a woman does when she's having her labor pains. **"I will lay waste the mountains and [the] hills...I will make the rivers into coastlands and dry up the ponds. I will lead the blind by a way [that] they do not know, in paths that they do not know I will guide them. I will make [the] darkness into light before them...."** He says, **"...And [the] rugged places into plains. These are the things [that] I will do, and I will not leave them undone."** (Isaiah 42:15-16) In others words, I'm gonna smooth everything out. And then He says, **"[And] they will be turned back**

**and...[put] utterly...to shame....”** They who? **“...‘Who trust in idols [who trust in idols], who say to molten images, “You are our gods.””**  
(Isaiah 42:17) Who look—I want you to know and understand, and I have to be honest, and I am a teacher of the Word of God. And it’s the Word of God that says [there is only one God, and there is no other.]  
(PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 45:22) He says, **“I am the LORD, that is My name....”** (Isaiah 42:8) He is God and there is no other. Now it’s fine for us to say to others, you may worship the way you want to worship. You may worship who you want to worship, and God lets you do that. The only thing He tells you is there is no other god. So you’re worshipping an idol. You’re worshipping something that is a figment of some person’s imagination. You’re worshipping or following a book that was created by man and not by God. [He is the Lord and there is no other.] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 45:22) So what is He saying? He’s saying this, He says, **“Hear you deaf! And look, you blind, that you may see. Who is blind but My servant...?”**  
(Isaiah 42:18-19) You know who’s blind? It’s my servant. He’s not talking about the Servant that He opens Isaiah 42 with. He’s not talking about the Servant that is going to bring justice to the nations, that is the covenant to the people; that is a light to the nations. He’s not talking about Jesus. He’s not talking about “Yeshua”. He’s not talking about the Messiah. Here He’s talking to Israel. He says, “You’re my servant, and you know what? You’re deaf. You’re My servant, and you know what? You’re blind.” He says, **“...Who is so blind...that [he] is at peace with Me, or so blind as the servant of the LORD? You have [heard] many things, but you do not observe them....”** (Isaiah 42:19-20) You think you can see. You think you can hear. You’re going through the motions. Remember this is what He shows them in Isaiah. You have rebelled against Me. You have despised the Holy One of Israel. (See Isaiah 1:4) You have despised My Word, and yet you are bringing Me offerings. You are going through the motions. Do you know how many people there are, Precious Ones, that are going through the

motions of a religion? And there's no life within them. They think they can see. They think they know, but they don't. I was talking to one the other day. And I keep wanting to remember to tell you the reason I'm sitting down this week, and have sat down last week, and will be sitting down next week, is because I broke my ankle. I broke my ankle good, but I'm healing very, very well. But what is so exciting is getting to witness to the people that are taking care of me, and sharing with them, "You have a religion but not a relationship. You're an expert in feet and in therapy. I know the Word of God. And what you're saying is not according to the Word." But they have their religion. They think they're Christians. They're hoping they are going to go to heaven. They're blind. They're deaf. And that's what God is saying about Israel. He says, **"You have seen many things, but you [don't] observe them; your ears are open [there's no plugs in them], but [no one] hears. The LORD was pleased for His righteousness' sake to make the law great and glorious. But this is a people plundered and despoiled; all of them are trapped in caves, or...hidden away in prisons; they have become a prey with none to deliver them, and a spoil, with none to say, 'Give them back!'" (Isaiah 42:20-22)** Do you remember when I opened up this week? Do you remember my taking you to Deuteronomy 28? If you haven't sat down lately and read Deuteronomy 28 and 29, you can look at God's blessings for obedience, and His curses for disobedience. And what He's saying is, "I made the law great and glorious, but you're not paying attention to it. You're not obeying it, and therefore you are trapped. You are despoiled. You are hidden, and hiding in caves. You're in prisons because, and there's no one to deliver you, because you brought it on yourself."

**"Who among you will give ear to this? Who will give heed and listen...? Who [will give] Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to plunderers? Was it not the LORD, against whom we sinned, and in whose ways [we] were not willing to walk, and whose law they did not obey?" (Isaiah 42:23-24)**

How did we get in this situation? How did we get under the judgment of

God? How did we get in this divine woodshed? It's 'cause you wouldn't listen to the Lord, because you wouldn't obey Him, because you had your own form of religion. And I want to tell you something, it won't work. It won't work. You say, "It's working for me now." Okay, what is it going to do for you in the day of trouble when there's no deliverance? What is it going to do for you at the end of your life? As I went to the, physical therapist, they were going to a funeral—a funeral of a doctor that went to bed at the age of 51 and never got up. What if that were you? Where would you be? We'll talk about it in just a minute.

## **PART TWO**

Welcome back, Beloved. You're gonna see, as we finish this week, that I can legitimately call you "Precious One," and be right in line with the Word of God, if you know the Lord. And even if you're in rebellion and you know the Lord, I can still call you "Precious One." But I've just got to warn you, that you are going to feel the heat of God's anger because God is a just God; God is a righteous God. And if you don't get anything else this week, you can know this: that judgment begins at the house of God, (See 1 Peter 4:17) that God has to deal with sin when it's in His people. Now He has had it up to here. I mean He is livid. He is angry. And it is a righteous anger. You know, I have written a book called, "Lord, Heal My Hurts" and one of the things I tell them in the book there's a whole chapter on anger, and that is that if you look at all the scriptures in the Word of God, it's God that gets angry the most. But He gets angry at the right thing. He gets angry at sin because sin hurts, and sin destroys. So this is what He says, He says, **"Who gave [up] Jacob for spoil, and Israel to plunderers ? Was it not the LORD, against whom we...sinned...in whose ways [we] were not willing to walk...,**" we dug in our heels, **"...and whose law [we] did not obey? (Isaiah 42:24) "So...,**" consequence, **"[So] He poured out on him the heat of His anger and the fierceness of battle; and it set him aflame all**

around....,” now catch this, it just blows my mind. “[it set him aflame all around], **yet he did not recognize it; and it burned him, but he paid no attention.**” (Isaiah 42:25) In other words, God was judging him, he dug in his heels, and he didn’t pay any attention. There was pain and flame, but he was not going to admit it. I mean, you talk about being like that. You talk about being stubborn. And you’ve seen people like that. And so it says, “[But now]....,” We move into chapter 43, **“But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob....”** (Isaiah 43:1) When He’s saying “O Jacob,” “O Israel,” He’s talking to the nation. He’s talking, remember, to His chosen people. He’s talking to the seed of Abraham. He’s talking to those that He made a covenant with; His people, for His own possession, His people Israel that He will never forsake because **“...the gifts and calling....,”** as Romans 11 says, **“...are irrevocable.”** (Romans 11:29) And God made a covenant with Israel that He would take away their sins. And He’s going to do that, but right now He’s saying to them, **“...[I’m the One that] formed you, O Israel....”** And then listen to this, it blows my mind: **“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you....”** (Isaiah 43:1) “I’m the one that brought you out of slavery. I’m the One that brought you out of a slavery in Egypt. I’m the One that is going to bring you out of the slavery to sin. I’m the One that is going to redeem you and rescue you from the fires of hell. I am the One that does this.” So here He is, in one moment He’s talking about His anger because He’s a just God and He’s got to deal with their sin, and He’s a righteous anger. So now He’s saying, “But do not fear.” And one of the things that you want to mark, and we tell you this in your free downloadable study guide. You go to [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com) and you can download that free study guide. So watch what he says, **“...Do not fear, for I have redeemed you....”** (Isaiah 43:1) Now what He’s doing is He’s pointing to the future. He’s pointing to the Messiah who is going to pay for their sins. He is pointing to their ultimate redemption, and we’re going to look at more about it, so I’m not gonna do it right now. But He’s pointing to that. So what does He say?

**“...I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you....” (Isaiah 43:1-2)** I’m gonna judge you. I’m gonna take you through the waters. I’m gonna take you through the fire, but I want you to know this, I’m not gonna let you walk through it alone. I’m gonna be as you read in Daniel chapter 3, “I’m the fourth man in the fire.” (See Daniel 3:25) He says, **“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you...I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior....” (Isaiah 43:2-3)** “I’m the only one that can save you, Precious One.” **“...I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Since you are precious in My sight, [and] since you are honored and I love you....”** “I love you. I’m angry. I’m gonna judge you. But I want you to know I love you. I love you.” He says, **“...I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.” (Isaiah 43:3-4)** “I’m going to redeem you, and I am going to judge others for what they do to you.” **“Do not fear....”** Again He says it, **“...I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east....,”** now watch, **“...[and] I will say to the north, “Give them up!” And to the south, “[Don’t] hold them back....”” (Isaiah 43:5-6)** He says, **“...Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 43:6)** Now remember at the beginning of this week, we looked at Deuteronomy. We looked at Deuteronomy 28, 29, and 30 where He’s talking about how He’s going to bring them back. He says, **“Everyone who is called by My name....,”** with whom, and, **“...whom I have created for My glory....” (Isaiah 43:7)** God created you for His glory. He didn’t create you for your glory, for your benefit. He created you for a much higher calling, and that’s His glory. He created you and intends for you to live in such a way that people see who God is really like because He created you in His image. He says, **“...Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”**



(Isaiah 43:7) Do you realize what God is doing here? Do you realize the previousness of His grace? Do you realize His deep love and care for them, His compassion, His mercy? Because He's gonna judge them, He's gonna judge them and it's judgment that they deserve. Have you ever been taken to the woodshed by God? I have! But you know what? I knew I deserved it. When my daddy used to spank me— and that's when people believed the Bible, and they did what the Bible says. And it says, **“Foolishness is bound in...the heart of a child; [and] the rod...will [drive] it far from him.”** (Proverbs 22:15) He's not talking about beating the stew out of him. He's talking about breaking their will, and bringing them to submission. God has taken me to the woodshed. I'm sure God has taken you to the woodshed. And you know what? I knew that whom the Lord loves, He takes to the woodshed. It's called chastening in Hebrews chapter 12. (See Hebrews 12:6) And that's what He's saying “I'm going to do for you— to you, but I want you to know that when you go through it, I'm right there with you.” It's like the parent that looks at the child and says, “I'm gonna spank you, and it's gonna hurt me more than it hurts you.” Because God loves us, and it hurts Him to have to judge us, it hurts Him to have to chasten us. But you know what? He has to do it because He's God, because He's just, because He's righteous, because He's holy. And what should you do? Learn your lesson, Beloved. Oh, we're gonna see more. We've got two more days to go it's gonna be great.