

# ISAIAH 41:1-43:13

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# The Identity Paradox of the Servant of God

# The Servant As God's Chosen People

(Isaiah 41:1-29)

...Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever... "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:5-8

Tsedekah va Mishpat  
(Righteousness and Justice)

Righteousness means community life with all relationships (God, others, self, and creation) well ordered, full of shalom, all things flourishing as God designed them to be.

The righteous person is one who contributes to such life.

Tsedekah va Mishpat  
(Righteousness and Justice)

Doing justice is inconveniencing myself for the sake of the “other”. Especially the vulnerable - widow, orphan, stranger, and poor.

Injustice is keeping my stuff for my own comfort at the expense of the “other”.

Tsedekah va Mishpat  
(Righteousness and Justice)

Doing Justice: Protecting The Vulnerable

Doing Injustice: Abusing The Vulnerable

Ignoring Justice: Not Acting To Protect The  
Vulnerable

(Isaiah 1:16-17, 21-23, Micah 6:8, James 1:27)

# The Servant As God's Davidic Ruler

(Isaiah 42:1-25)



...and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:3

Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Matthew 12:15-21

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(Isaiah 42:1-25)

For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

Genesis 18:19

...And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

Genesis 26:4-5

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

1 John 3:4

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:11-14



# The Servant As God's Redeemed People

(Isaiah 43:1-13)

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17

For God has done what the law,  
weakened by the flesh, could not do.  
By sending his own Son in the likeness  
of sinful flesh and for sin, he  
condemned sin in the flesh, in order  
that the righteous requirement of the  
law might be fulfilled in us, who walk  
not according to the flesh but  
according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3-4

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1

# The Identity Paradox of the Servant of God

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;  
therefore love is the fulfilling of the  
law.

Romans 13:10



Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

James 2:8



*“Go Therefore and Make Disciples...”*