

# Lord of Jews and Gentiles

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Isaiah 42: 6.



“I, the Lord, have called  
You in righteousness, And  
will hold Your hand; I will  
keep You and give You as  
a covenant to the people,  
As a light to the Gentiles”  
Isaiah 42: 6.



# I. Introduction: Gospel to All Nations

In Jesus Christ there is no more a wall of separation between the Jews and the Gentiles. This is the good new to be preached to all nations, according to the Great commission, given by Jesus to his apostles (Matthew 28: 18 – 20)



"If the Great Commission  
is true, our plans are not  
too big; they are  
too small."  
Pat Morley

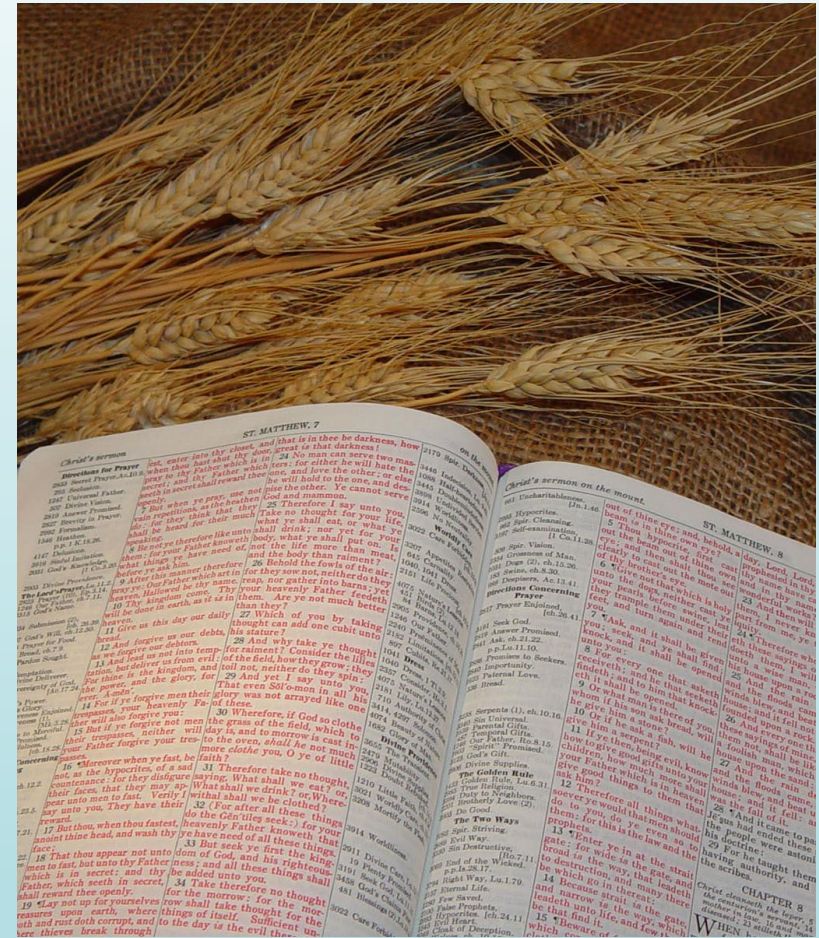




"We must be global  
Christians with a global  
vision because our God  
is a global God."  
John Stott



"If the Church is 'in Christ,' she is involved in mission. Her whole existence then has a missionary character. Her conduct as well as her words will convince the unbelievers."  
David Bosch





"A God-centered  
theology has to be a  
missionary theology"  
John Piper



"Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist."  
Oswald J. Smith



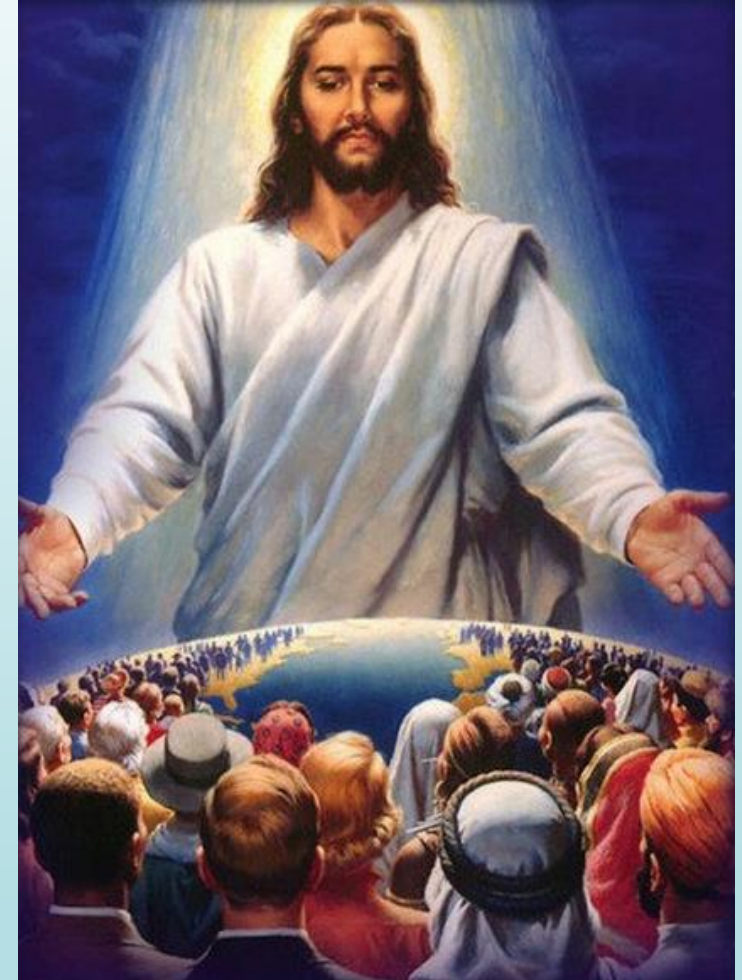


“If you are not  
concerned about  
your neighbor’s  
salvation, then I’m  
concerned for  
yours.”  
Ray Comfort



“Gentiles who previously had no covenant relationship with God are now, through faith, part of His elect, covenant people. The effective call and love of God has made them such; they now exist in a special relationship with God as recipients of His love.”

W. Edward Glenny

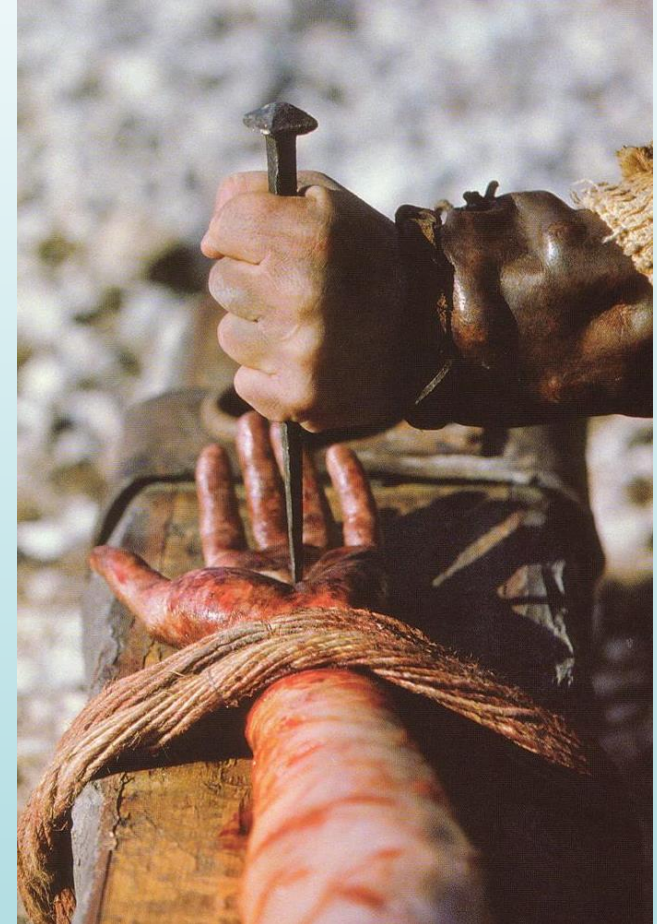


## II. Context





The four poems about the suffering servant in the book of Isaiah had great influence in the ministry of Jesus. Matthew 3: and 12: 18 – 21) Even though this interpretation of the prophetic text was not accepted during His ministry, Jesus showed through His words and deeds the heavenly methodology of victory: Destroying evil through love, compassion, and sacrifice.



# Isaiah 40 - 55

## Poems about the Messiah as Suffering Servant

1	42: 1 – 9	The Call of the Suffering Servant
2	49: 1 – 3	The mouth of the Suffering Servant is like a sharp sword
3	50: 4 - 11	The Suffering Servant was not rebellious
4	52: 13 – 53: 12	The Ministry of the Suffering Servant's Substitution

# Isaiah 42: 1 – 9

## The Call of the Suffering Servant

A

42: 1

New Things: (BEHOLD) Announcement of the Servant

FIRST STATEMENT OF ELECTION: I HAVE PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM

B

42: 2 – 4

Characteristics of the Servant

C

42: 5

Presentation of God Himself

SECOND STATEMENT OF ELECTION: I HAVE CALLED YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

B'

42: 6 – 7

Promise of God to the Servant

C'

42: 8

Presentation of God Himself

A

42: 9

The Call of the Suffering Servant



# Isaiah 42: 2 – 4

## The Call of the Suffering Servant

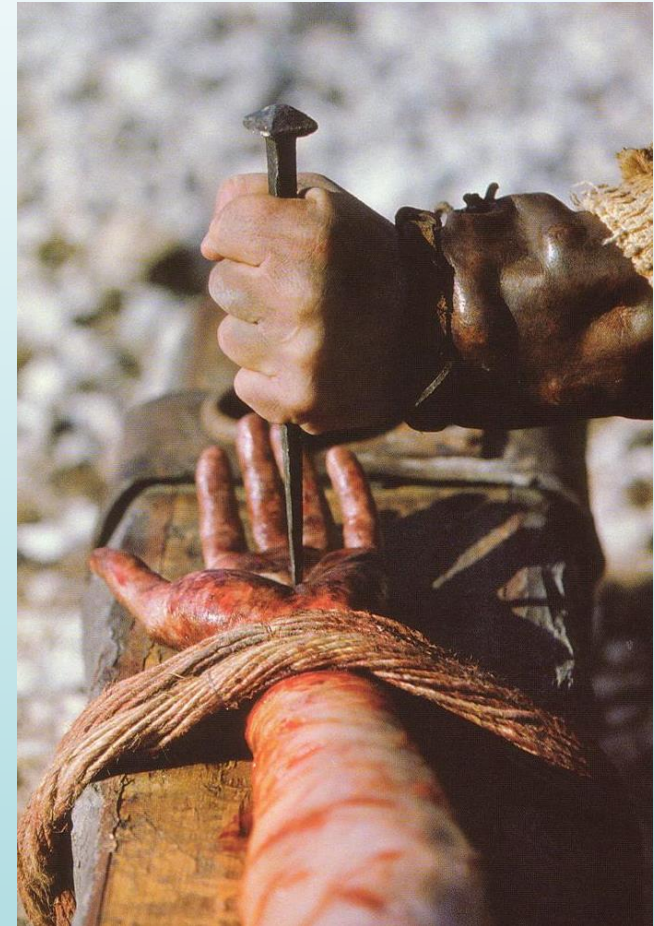
A	42: 2	Justice to the Gentiles
B	42: 2 – 3a	Methods of the Servant (5)
A'	42: 3b	Justice for Truth
B'	42: 4a	Method of the Servant (2)
A''	42: 4b	Justice for the entire Earth

Two essentials of the ministry of the Suffering Servant:

1. Inspiration of the Holy Spirit
2. The work of Righteousness

These two aspects helped the first apostolic church to understand the place of the Gentiles in the church.

1. The Gentiles received also the Holy Spirit (Acts 10)
2. In Jesus Christ there is no discrimination (Galatians 3: 28). The Jews and Gentiles become one in Him.



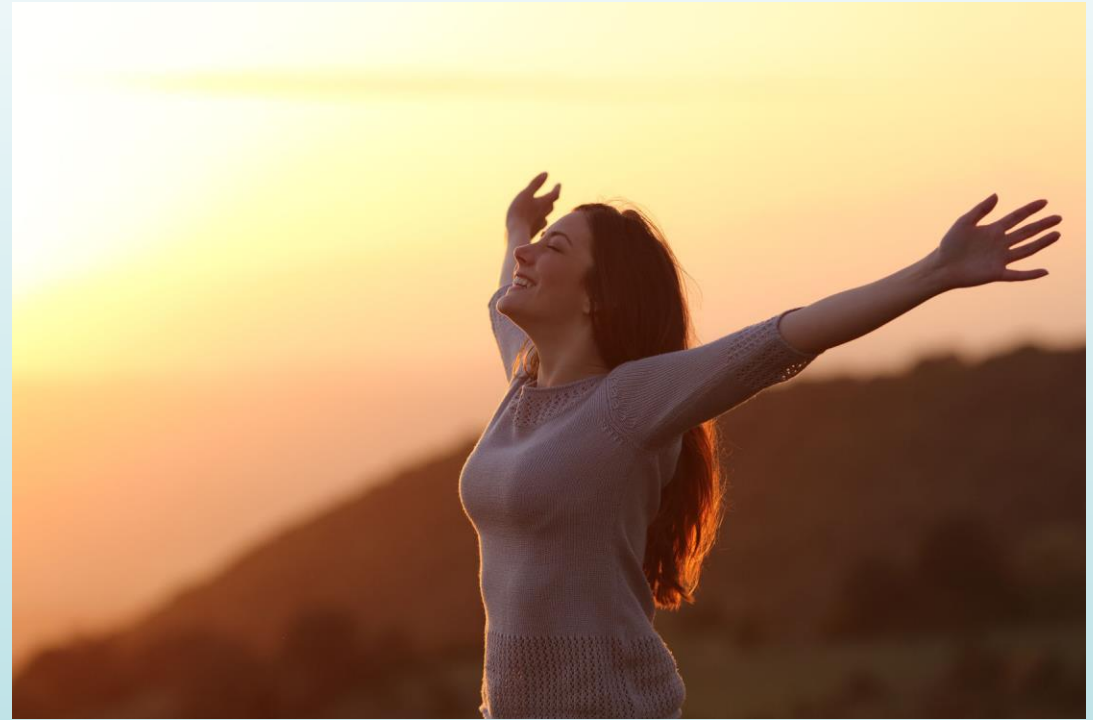
III. The text of the Prophet Isaiah is first about the ministry of Jesus, who is presented in the chapter 42 as the suffering servant. However, we are following His steps and are doing the same ministry.





# 1. Evangelism is always the consequence of God's call

"I, the Lord, have called You"



The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God's call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude." Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest



“Thus, for followers of Christ, calling neutralizes the fundamental position of choice in modern life. “I have chosen you,” Jesus said, “you have not chosen me.” We are not our own; we have been bought with a price. We have no rights, only responsibilities. Following Christ is not our initiative, merely our response, in obedience. Nothing works better to debunk the pretensions of choice than a conviction of calling. Once we have been called, we literally “have no choice.”  
Os Guinness





"We must wake up. If we are going to find our callings, we must live intentionally and audaciously. And we must be generous. This choice is not an easy one, and it doesn't come naturally, but it's how we were meant to live. It's the only way - I'm quite convinced of this - that we can find the satisfaction we've been searching for, the lives we've been dreaming of."  
Jeff Goins



2. Evangelism is only possible by those who have experienced the righteousness by faith

“I have called You in righteousness”



Many present the doctrines and theories of our faith; but their presentation is as salt without savor; for the Holy Spirit is not working through their faithless ministry. They have not opened the heart to receive the grace of Christ; they know not the operation of the Spirit; they are as meal without leaven; for there is no working principle in all their labor, and they fail to win souls to Christ. They do not appropriate the righteousness of Christ; it is a robe unworn by them, a fullness unknown, a fountain untouched."

Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*,  
November 29, 1892.



“We forget that our salvation is nothing but the sheer love, mercy & grace of God that He lavished upon us in Christ. We forget that are nothing more than sinners, saved by grace. Self-righteousness sometimes keeps us from sharing the gospel with those who need to hear it, and it can also keep those who need to hear it from listening to us.”

Andy Schreiber





“Self-righteousness can infect our evangelism. Evangelists are tempted to feel superior to those we evangelise – after all, we have the truth and they do not. But we forget, as Jonah did, the pit from which we were raised. Pray that God would remind you of the amazing grace you needed in order to be saved. Pray for a deep compassion for the lost.”  
Glen Scrivener



3. God's presence gives strength to those who proclaim the good news of salvation  
"And will hold Your hand"



“Do not be fearful.  
Be humble and feel  
blessed. You are  
always in  
God's Hands.”  
Paul Stefaniak





“David knew that all the question marks of his life were in the hand of God. He knew it was impossible to be in God's hand and in the enemy's hand at the same time. The gloom begins to disappear and fear departs as faith emerges in glorious triumph.”  
Alan Redpath





“God will convert men who occupy responsible positions, men of intellect and influence. Through the power of the Holy Spirit many will accept the divine principles. Converted to the truth, they will become agencies in the hand of God to communicate the light.”  
Ellen G. White, Acts of Apostles, p. 140.



## 4. The protection of God is promised to His servants

"I will keep You"





“I am nothing but an imperfect being, who is residing on earth with a perfect God as my guidance and protection.”  
Edmond Mbiaka



"God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through."  
Francis Chan





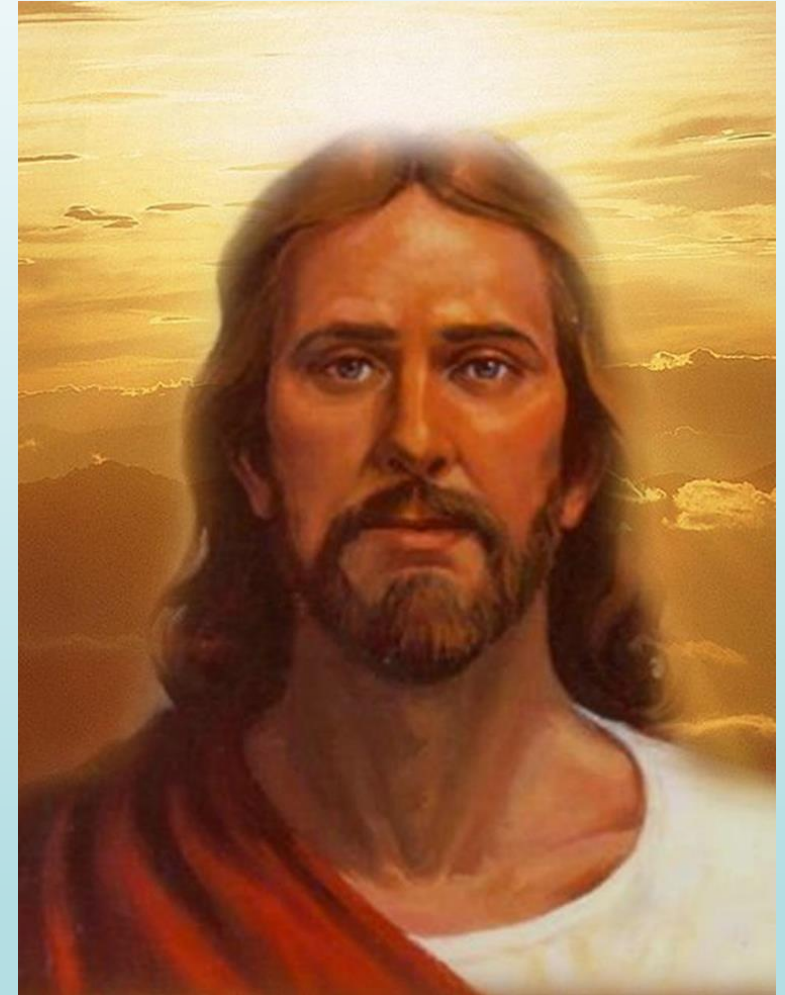
“The human race in the course of time has taken the liberty of softening and softening Christianity until at last we have contrived to make it exactly the opposite of what it is in the New Testament... When Christianity entered the world, people were not Christians, and the difficulty was to become a Christian. Nowadays the difficulty in becoming a Christian is that one must cease to become a Christian. One best becomes a Christian without Christianity. Not until a person has become so wretched [in his sight] that his only wish, his only consolation, is to die – not until then does Christianity truly begin!”

... The object of (Christian) faith is not the teaching but the Teacher... What Christianity needs is not the suffocating protection of the state; no, it needs fresh air, it needs persecution, and it needs God’s protection.”

Soren Kierkegaard

5. Jesus is the link between men and God. We are bringing people to Him.

“And give You as a covenant to the people”



“Every believer is commissioned to bring people to Jesus. The character of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit working through our lives will give evidence of the genuine Savior, Jesus. The Lord will make us effective in evangelism as we watch Him make the way, and then we gently step into the door He opens. There, His presence and power are available to touch the person’s heart and draw to them His love. He will save those we lead to Him.”

Jack Hayford



“I want to encourage you to bring people to Jesus, to bring people to an atmosphere where they can hear the gospel, where they can hear words by which they might be saved!”  
David Legge





“‘What does it take to bring people to Jesus?’ The answer is what it has always been: God’s truth shared in love and friendship, illustrated daily in the life of the one sharing the Gospel.”  
Gary Cobb



6. Jesus is the light to all nations. He invites us to bring that light to the entire world  
“As a light to the Gentiles”



“We must flip the switch to allow others to see the light of hope that is in us and that hope is Jesus Christ for He is the Light of the World and there is life in no other name (Acts 4:12).”  
John Hagee



He did not come merely to preach a Gospel;  
He himself is that Gospel. He did not come  
merely to give bread; He said, "I am the  
bread." He did not come merely to shed light;  
He said, "I am the light." He did not come  
merely to show the door; He said, "I am the  
door." He did not come merely to name a  
shepherd; He said, "I am the shepherd." He  
did not come merely to point the way; He said,  
"I am the way, the truth, and the life."

J. Sidlow Baxter





“Those who yearn for true spiritual light and knowledge can only find it through the power of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit enlightens and gives understanding of the eternal purpose of life. By the Spirit, Church members know the restored gospel of Jesus Christ is true.”  
M. Russell Ballard



# V. Conclusion



“Everything in  
Scripture is either  
preparation for the  
Gospel, presentation  
of the Gospel, or  
participation in the  
Gospel.”  
Dave Harvey



“Before the Messiah came, Jews and Gentiles were profoundly divided. But now, because of the Messiah, the barrier of the dividing wall is gone!... Messiah alone makes this unity and this peace, this state of well-being between Jews and Gentiles and God possible. How? By means of His life and the death of Messiah’s flesh, His body, on the cross. He is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility”  
Loren Jacobs





“Preach the Word so that it will be easy to comprehend. Bring the people right to Jesus Christ, in whom their hopes of eternal life are centered.... As you bring to them the Word of God, presenting it in a simple style, the seed will grow, and after a time you will have a harvest. The seed sowing is your work; the propagation of the seed is the Lord’s divine work.”  
Ellen G. White, Letter 34, 1896.



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