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Lenten Meditations

SERVANT OF YAHWEH

Isaiah 42:1-9

Servant of Yahweh as the fulfillment of the covenant

Isaiah proclaims of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ. Through his description in Isaiah 42:1-9, he provides a clear depiction of Jesus' mission and ministry here on earth to come. He is the fulfillment of the covenant, the giver of hope, and the establisher of justice (mission). The Chosen Servant, referencing Jesus Christ, is among all people healing, bringing light to darkness, and conceptualizing a new understanding of life (ministry). What an amazing proclamation to make to a world awaiting new hope!

Recognize the role of the servant of Yahweh in our life

In today's world in the hustle of our worldly responsibilities, there are many times we lose sight of Christ in our lives every day. We run into work or school, take care of the kids, cook dinner, and attend to all other responsibilities before darkness falls upon us stealing another day away from us. It's not easy to put Christ first, but reading Isaiah 42:1-9, helps us recognize His role in the existence of our life; His role in bringing us freedom, light in a darkened world, and love that is undeserved. The proclamation of Christ's coming to this world is one that changed the world and can change you and me. May we recognize His mission and ministry described by Isaiah to be a reminder to each of us to "deny [our] selves and take up [our] cross daily and follow [Him]" Luke 9:23.

Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for your Son, the Chosen Servant, that you so willingly gave to this world as a ransom for our sins so that we do not suffer, but can experience Your love. Lord, we pray that every day we remember your Son and carry out His mission and ministry in our daily lives just as He taught us to do. Amen.

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"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness."

- Isaiah 42:6-7