

Series: Advent 2020

Sermon: Christ, The Tender Physician

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)

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There are 3 critical views we must have:

1. A right view of God.
2. A right view of self.
3. A right view of others.

Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)

¹*Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

²*He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;*

³*a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.*

⁴*He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.*

⁵*Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, 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 take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,*

⁷*to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

⁸*I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.*

⁹*Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."*

Who is the servant? (v. 1)

What is the servant sent to do? (v. 1, 3, 4)

What can we conclude about his mission?

- His mission is a restoring one.
- His mission is a worldwide one.
- His mission is an unexpected one.

How does the servant do what he is sent to do? (v. 2-3)

- In quietness. (v. 2)
- In tenderness. (v. 3)

He is a physician good at all diseases, especially at the binding up of a broken heart. - Richard Sibbes, The Bruised Reed

Christ's way is first to wound, then to heal. – Richard Sibbes, The Bruised Reed

There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us ... better to go bruised to heaven than sound to hell. – Richard Sibbes, The Bruised Reed

Why does the servant do it? (v. 5-9)

- To be a covenant for the people. (v. 6)
- To be a light for the nations. (v. 6)
- To open the eyes that are blind. (v. 7)
- To bring out the prisoners from the dungeon. (v. 7)
- To bring out from the prison those who sit in darkness. (v. 7)
- To be glorified as the one true God. (v. 8)