

Combined Worship
"Behold, My Servant whom I uphold" Isaiah 42:1-4

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(I) INTRODUCTION OF THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

*"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles."* **Isaiah 42:1**

- 1. He is introduced as a "Servant"**
- 2. He is upheld by the Lord**
- 3. He has the anointing of God's Spirit upon Him**

(II) IMPORTANT SIMILARITIES

Between Israel and the Messiah Servant

- 1. Israel is also called "servant"**

*"But you, Israel, are My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The descendants of Abraham, My friend."* **Isaiah 41:8**

- 2. Israel is also upheld by the Lord**

*"Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am Your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* **Isaiah 41:10**

*"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
Who have been upheld by Me from birth;
Who have been carried from the womb"* **Isaiah 46:3**

- 3. Israel is promised the outpouring of the Spirit**

*"For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,
And floods on the dry ground;
I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
And My blessing on your offspring"* **Isaiah 44:3**

(III) IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES

Israel the servant versus The Messiah-Servant

1. With reference to character

*"He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street." **Isaiah 42:2***

2. With reference to justice

*"A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth." **Isaiah 42:3***

3. With reference to His sense of purpose as God's servant

*"He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His law." **Isaiah 42:4***

(IV) COMMENDATION OF THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

1. With a great sense of pride

*"Behold! My servant..." **Isaiah 42:1a***

2. With a great sense of joy

*"...My Elect One in whom My soul delights..." **Isaiah 42:1***