

/We will begin with the ninth lecture on the book of Isaiah. / We will begin from Isaiah chapter 42. / The title is "Savior."

/First, Christ's merciful grace. / Verses 1-4. / Second, God completes salvation through Jesus Christ. / Verses 5-9.

/Third, God's salvation spreads throughout the world. / Verses 10-17. / Fourth, God's servants are robbed and imprisoned. / Verses 18-25.

/Read 42:1. / "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

/It says that Christ will come and accomplish His work of salvation. / Here it says, "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight." / Historically, this refers to King Cyrus of Persia.

/Then prophetically, it means that Christ will come in the future. / Thus, Christ will come and He will preach the truth in all nations through the Holy Spirit. / "My Spirit" is the Holy Spirit. / John 3:34

/It says, "he will bring justice to the nations." / Christ will spread the gospel and save all who obey Him. / Then the Lord will judge those who disobey Him. / John 8:29 / Hebrews 5:8 / Philippians 2:7

/ Verse 2. / He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

/It says, "He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice." / Christ's work of salvation is not loud like people of the world. / The people of the world work for their own glory.

/They take their authority and work oppressively. / They exceed others with loud voices. / However, our Jesus accomplishes God's work of salvation in quietness.

/Thus, people will believe the gospel in the midst of quietness and obey. / This means to walk down the road of life. / This is Jesus' life movement, the salvation movement.

/Verse 3. / A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

/Our Lord will not break a bruised reed. / He will not snuff out a smoldering wick. / We believers' hearts are like bruised reeds. / God heals these people.

/Our Lord also does not abandon weak people who are like smoldering wicks. / He saves such weak people and makes them God's children. / Matthew 11:25

/Our Lord came to save us from our sufferings from the devil and sin. / Our Jesus did not abandon us who lived in the midst of sin. / Matthew 12:20-21

/Verse 4. / he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

/Christ's ministry of salvation does not falter. / It does not fail. / Our Lord came to preach justice and truth to the world. /Christ showed us God's justice through the cross. / Jesus came to preach the gospel of the cross and resurrection.

/It says, "In his law the islands will put their hope." / The "islands" symbolize all nations. / It symbolizes the Gentiles. / In this way, the Gentiles will hope in Christ and believe.

/Verses 5-6. / This is what God the LORD says--he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it : "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,

/God created the heavens. / He spread out the earth. / He gave breath to the people. / God gives life to people.

/Here it says, "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness." / This means that the Father God called Jesus the Son.

/The Father God made Jesus the Savior of atonement and justification. / God also made Christ the light that would fulfill the salvation covenant with his chosen believers.

/Verse 7. / to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

/Christ opened the eyes of those who are spiritually blind. / He opened their spiritual eyes. / He set them free from sin. / Jesus leads us from darkness to light.

/Jesus leads us to the spiritual world where there is freedom. / He helps us open our spiritual eyes so we could see God's world.

/Verse 8. / "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

/God's glory is never taken away by others. / Even if man makes a mistake, God will never have his glory taken away.

/God is glorified even through the stubborn Pharaoh. / Pharaoh's stubbornness brought out God's glory. / Romans 9:17-18

/Verse 9. / See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

/The former things took place. / King Hezekiah defeated the Assyrian army. / The shadow of the

sun even went back ten steps.

/Our God accomplishes new things. / The “new things” here refer to Christ’s salvation ministry.

/Verse 10. / Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

/Here it says, “you islands, and all who live in them” will “Sing to the LORD a new song.” / This means that the number of people who are saved by Christ will grow. / This means that Jesus’ salvation ministry will spread throughout the world.

/Then the Gentiles will praise Jesus and believe. / They will return to God.

/The people of Kedar are the descendants of Ishmael’s son. / Genesis 25:13 / The “people of Sela” are the descendants of Esau. / 2 Kings 14:7 / They too will believe in Christ and rejoice in their salvation.

/Verse 13. / The LORD will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

/God will march out like a mighty man. / Then he will triumph over his enemies. / Christ will powerfully defeat the devil.

/Verse 14. / "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.

/God was silent. / However, ultimately, God would send Christ to save his chosen people. / God will work hard to fulfill his salvation works.

/Verse 15. / I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.

/Here, “the mountains and hills” symbolize the many nations that persecuted the people of Judah. / God will judge all nations that persecute his believers.

/Verse 16. / I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

/God opens the eyes of the spiritually blind. / God will lead them down the road of life through Christ. / God will also lead those in spiritual darkness into the bright and spiritual world. / He will guide us into the world of light.

/Verse 17. / But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

/However, those who serve idols will receive God’s judgment. / We must not rely on anything else, but rely only on God.

/Verse 18. / "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!

/“My servant” and “messenger” refer to the leaders of Judah. / The leaders of Judah became deaf and blind. / Hence, God rebuked the leaders of Judah through prophets.

/Verse 21. / It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

/God gave his law to the people of Judah. / God wanted to make the people of Judah obey his law and become noble. / However, they disobeyed God.

/Verse 22. / But this is a people plundered and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden away in prisons. They have become plunder, with no one to rescue them; they have been made loot,

with no one to say, "Send them back."

/The people of Judah disobeyed, and God left them in the hands of plunderers. / God let the people be plundered. / God led them be looted.

/Verse 23. / Which of you will listen to this or pay close attention in time to come?

/The "time to come" is the time when the people will hear the Lord's righteous teachings and obey and be blessed. / We will be blessed if we obey with faith. / However, whoever does not obey God's word will be robbed.

/Verse 24. / Who handed Jacob over to become loot, and Israel to the plunderers? Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned? For they would not follow his ways; they did not obey his law.

/Israel sinned against God and God handed them over to plunderers. / We must repent for disobeying God's word. / The people of Judah ultimately did not repent, and they were taken captive to Babylon.

/Verse 25. / So he poured out on them his burning anger, the violence of war. It enveloped them in flames, yet they did not understand; it consumed them, but they did not take it to heart.

/It says that the people of Judah will be taken captive to Babylon. / However, they will not recognize their sins and will not repent. / Therefore, we must repent of our sins.

/We will continue with Isaiah chapter 43. / The title of chapter 43 is "Redemption from Sin."

/First, the Lord saves his people by giving men in exchange for them. / Verses 1-7. / Second, the Lord will prove that idols are empty and the Lord is true. / Verses 8-13.

/Third, the Lord prophesies that Babylon will be destroyed. / Verses 14-17. / Fourth, the Lord

promises to do new things. / Verses 18-21. / Fifth, Israel's sin and forgiveness. / Verses 22-28.

/God saves his chosen people. / Idols are empty. / The Lord God is the true God.

/Read verse 1. / But now, this is what the LORD says--he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel : "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

/"Jacob" and "Israel" symbolize the chosen people. / It symbolizes us believers today. / God created us. / He saved our spirits. / God created the entire universe.

/It says, "Fear not." / The Creator God is in control of our lives. / We belong to God. / God saved us.

/He wrote our names in the book of life. / He called us and made us his children. / God said, "you are mine." / 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 / 1 Peter 2:9

/We are God's possessions. / We belong to God. / God holds onto us and leads us. / Therefore, the wicked cannot hurt us. / Therefore, we do not need to worry. / God protects us.

/Verse 2. / When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

/God keeps us safe. / God is with us when we pass through the waters. / He is with us when we pass through the rivers. / He is with us when we walk through fire.

/When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, God protected them. / God protected them when they crossed the Jordan River. / Christ protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the burning furnace. / Daniel 3:25-27

/In this way, God protects us believers. / Sometimes, we believers encounter trials that are like fire and water. / 1 Peter 1:7 / God protects us in the midst of it all.

/Verse 3. / For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

/God gave us Egypt for as ransom. / Historically, God delivered the Israelites from Egypt. / The Egyptians died in the Red Sea. / God sacrificed other people to save us believers.

/Verse 4. / Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life.

/God considers us precious and honorable in his sight. / 2 Corinthians 6:18 / God saved us with his precious blood. / 1 Peter 1:19 / We are God's sons.

/God loves us unendingly. / Therefore, he sacrifices other people's lives to save us believers. / 1 Samuel 23:26-28

/Verses 5-6. / Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth--

/The people of Judah would be taken captive to Babylon because of their sins. / However, God would save the people of Judah from Babylon.

/God will gather them from all directions. / People from the east, west, north, and south will believe in Jesus and return. / This prophesied that the gospel of Jesus would be spread out in all directions in the New Testament period. / Acts 1:8

/Verse 7. / everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



/“Everyone who is called by my name” are the believers. / We believers have been called by God’s name for his glory. / God saves us for his own glory.

/When we keep our faith, God’s glory will be displayed. / We must live for God’s glory.

/Verse 8. / Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.

/The people of Judah had eyes but did not see, and ears but did not hear. / Still, God said that he would bring them out from Babylon.

/God would deliver them from Babylon by his grace. / The “blind” also refer to those who made idols and relied on them. / There were people with eyes who were blind.

/Their spiritual eyes were darkened. / Their spiritual ears became deaf. / They served idols and became foolish. / People from all over the world served idols.

/These people did not know that the people of Judah would return from captivity in Babylon. / Idols do not know about God’s works. / Whoever chases after idols will become foolish.

/Verse 10. / "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

/Our God is the true God. / No one can stop God’s works. / God would save his people to be his witnesses.

/There is no creator other than our God. / No one besides God can save us. / Our God alone is the true God.

/Verse 14. / This is what the LORD says--your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel : "For your sake I will send to Babylon and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians, in the ships in which they took pride.

/God would save the people of Judah from captivity in Babylon. / God would send the Medo-Persians to attack Babylon.

/Verse 16. / This is what the LORD says--he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,

/God would make a way through the sea. / He would bring chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements to make the Babylonians fall. / The Egyptian army was destroyed when the Israelites came out of Egypt.

/Verse 18. / "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

/Here, "the former things" in "the past" is the time when the Israelites left Egypt. / The "new thing" is their freedom from captivity in Babylon. / God told them to forget the former things.

/This meant that they were not to remember their time in Egypt. / Now, Christ would accomplish new things. / Jesus Christ would accomplish the new work of salvation.

/Christ will make a way in the wilderness, and a river in the desert. / This is the "new thing." / This is the way of salvation. / The gospel of Christ would be preached in a world that is like the wilderness and the desert. / There would be works of life through the gospel. / 2 Corinthians 5:17 / Ephesians 4:24

/Verse 20. / The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,

/It says that the jackals and the owls would honor God. / "Jackals and the owls" symbolize the wicked and cruel people. / This symbolizes the merciless people of foreign nations.

/God will take these sinners and make them his children. / “Jackals” bite and prey on other animals. / The “owls,” or ostriches in some translations, lay their eggs in the sand and do not look after it. / Job 39:13-16.

/In this way, God will call the Gentiles and make them his children. / Bad people will become good people. / Wicked people will become good through faith in Jesus.

/Then a way will be formed. / The “way” symbolizes Jesus Christ. / John 14:6 / “Water” is the work of life that Jesus gives us. / In this way, Jesus will give us the water of life.

/Verse 21. / the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

/What was God’s purpose in creating us? / It was so that we would praise God. / Why did God deliver the people of Judah from Babylon? / It was so that they would praise God. / Ephesians 1:6

/God’s purpose in creating us was so that we would praise God. / Therefore, we must always be thankful for God’s grace in saving us and praise him.

/Verses 22-23. / "Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel. You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense.

/God saved the people of Judah. / God showed them unending love. / However, the people of Judah did not seek God.

/They did not call upon God. / They did not properly serve God. / They gave formal offerings to God. / Isaiah 1:11-14 / Then they were wearied with serving God.

/They complained that it was difficult serving God. / They considered worship to be burdensome.

/ They considered prayer burdensome. / They considered it burdensome to make annual reports before God. / Isaiah 1:11-15

/Verse 24. / You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses.

/The people of Judah served God with formality. / This wearied God. / They bought fragrances and brought fat of their sacrifices to God, but they did it without faith. / Isaiah 1:14

/Verse 25. / "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

/The people of Judah wearied God with their sins. / Still, God was going to blot out their transgressions. / God would remember their sins no more.

/God forgave them of all their sins. / Isaiah 1:18-19 / God makes us white as snow even if our sins are crimson red. / Isaiah 44:22 / God blots out our sins even if they are like dense clouds.

/Verse 26. / Review the past for me, let us argue the matter together; state the case for your innocence.

/God wanted to argue the matter of the past together. / This meant that the people of Judah were to think whether they were right or wrong. / If they were innocent, they were to state their case.

/Verses 27-28. / Your first father sinned; your spokesmen rebelled against me. So I will disgrace the dignitaries of your temple, and I will consign Jacob to destruction and Israel to scorn.

/The people of Judah became scornful and disgraceful. / This was because their fathers and spokesmen rebelled against God. / The descendants took after them and rebelled against God and walked down the road of sin.

/Here we will conclude the ninth lecture on Isaiah.