

## CLASSIC SERVANT SONGS

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### Isaiah 42:1-4 (5-9)

Here is 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. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> 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 upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- <sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

### Isaiah 50:4-9 (10-11)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the LORD and relies upon his God? <sup>11</sup> But all of you are kindlers of fire, lighters of firebrands. Walk in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that you have kindled! This is what you shall have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

### Isaiah 52:13—53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were astonished at him-- so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals-- <sup>15</sup> so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. <sup>53:1</sup> Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup> Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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## MOST IMPORTANT OCCASIONS OF “SERVANT” (Based on Hebrew root “*ebed*”)

**Isaiah 14:2** And the nations will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess the nations as male and female **slaves** in the LORD’s land; they will take captive those who were their captors, and rule over those who oppressed them.

**Isaiah 14:3** When the LORD has given you rest from your pain and turmoil and the **hard service** with which you were made to serve,

**Isaiah 19:23** On that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

**Isaiah 20:3** Then the LORD said, “Just as my **servant** Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Ethiopia,

**Isaiah 22:20** On that day I will call my **servant** Eliakim son of Hilkiah,

**Isaiah 24:2** And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the **slave**, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

**Isaiah 36:9** How then can you repulse a single captain among the least of my master’s **servants**, when you rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

**Isaiah 36:11** Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, “Please speak to your **servants** in Aramaic, for we understand it; do not speak to us in the language of Judah within the hearing of the people who are on the wall.”

**Isaiah 37:5** When the **servants** of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

**Isaiah 37:24** By your **servants** you have mocked the Lord, and you have said, ‘With my many chariots I have gone up the heights of the mountains, to the far recesses of Lebanon; I felled its tallest cedars, its choicest cypresses; I came to its remotest height, its densest forest.

**Isaiah 37:35** For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my **servant** David.”

## SECOND ISAIAH

**Isaiah 41:8** But you, Israel, my **servant**, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

**Isaiah 41:9** you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my **servant**, I have chosen you and not cast you off”;

**Isaiah 42:1** Here is 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.

**Isaiah 42:19** Who is blind but my **servant**, or deaf like my messenger whom I send? Who is blind like my dedicated one, or blind like the **servant** of the LORD?

**Isaiah 43:10** You are my witnesses, says 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 shall there be any after me.

**Isaiah 43:23** You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense.

**Isaiah 43:24** You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

**Isaiah 44:1** But now hear, O Jacob my **servant**, Israel whom I have chosen!

**Isaiah 44:2** Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my **servant**, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

**Isaiah 44:21** Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my **servant**; I formed you, you are my **servant**; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

**Isaiah 44:26** who confirms the word of his **servant**, and fulfills the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, "It shall be inhabited," and of the cities of Judah, "They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins";

**Isaiah 45:4** For the sake of my **servant** Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

**Isaiah 48:20** Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it forth to the end of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his **servant** Jacob!"

**Isaiah 49:3** And he said to me, "You are my **servant**, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

**Isaiah 49:5** And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his **servant**, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--

**Isaiah 49:6** he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my **servant** to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

**Isaiah 49:7** Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**Isaiah 50:10** Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his **servant**, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the LORD and relies upon his God?

**Isaiah 52:13** See, my **servant** shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

**Isaiah 53:11** Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my **servant**, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

**Isaiah 54:17** No weapon that is fashioned against you shall prosper, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the **servants** of the LORD and their vindication from me, says the LORD.

### THIRD ISAIAH

**Isaiah 56:6** And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his **servants**, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--

**Isaiah 60:12** For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

**Isaiah 63:17** Why, O LORD, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your **servants**, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.

**Isaiah 65:8** Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my **servants**' sake, and not destroy them all.

**Isaiah 65:9** I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my **servants** shall settle there.

**Isaiah 65:13** Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: My **servants** shall eat, but you shall be hungry; my **servants** shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; my **servants** shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame;

**Isaiah 65:14** my **servants** shall sing for gladness of heart, but you shall cry out for pain of heart, and shall wail for anguish of spirit.

**Isaiah 65:15** You shall leave your name to my chosen to use as a curse, and the Lord GOD will put you to death; but to his **servants** he will give a different name.

**Isaiah 66:14** You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his **servants**, and his indignation is against his enemies.