



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-13; Matthew 11:1-15 (NAS)

Topic: "Kingdom Fire"

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Isaiah 42:1-13

- 1 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one 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 out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.
- 3 "A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."
- 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, 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 also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.
- 7 "I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.
- 8 "Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you."
- 9 Sing to the LORD a new song, Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them.
- 10 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices, The settlements where Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing aloud, Let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains.
- 11 Let them give glory to the LORD And declare His praise in the coastlands.
- 12 The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

Matthew 11:1-15

- 1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.
- 2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples
- 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?"
- 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.
- 5 "And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."
- 6 As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"
- 7 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear soft clothing are in kings' palaces!
- 8 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.
- 9 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'
- 10 "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
- 11 "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.
- 12 "For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.
- 13 "And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come.
- 14 "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.