

Text: Isaiah 42

“I, THE LORD, HAVE CALLED YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS”

(I) THE CALLING OF THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

1. Explained Clearly

- a) Called in righteousness (**Isaiah 42:8**)
- b) Held by the Lord's hand (**Isaiah 42:8**)
- c) Promise of keeping (**Isaiah 42:8**)
- d) To be given as a Covenant (**Isaiah 42:8**)
- e) To be a light to the Gentiles (**Isaiah 42:8**)

2. Ministry Outlined

- a) To open blind eyes (**Isaiah 42:8**)
- b) To bring out prisoners (**Isaiah 42:8**)

(II) THE LORD WHO CALLS

1. The Name of the LORD proclaimed

“I am the LORD” **Isaiah 42:9**

2. The glory of the LORD

“My glory I will not give to another” **Isaiah 42:9**

- a) His glory is sacred
- b) It is not easily given to people
- c) It will be given only to One who is truly faithful
- d) Jesus was given fullness of glory (**John 12:28**)

(III) APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALLING

1. The example of the Lord Jesus (John 12:24-28)

- a) As wheat that falls into the ground and dies
- b) Serving faithfully despite pain, suffering and death

2. The Challenge issued

- a) To follow the Lord
- b) To lose one's life for His sake
- c) To know that our life given to the Lord will be honoured