**The Glory of the Messiah – Isa. 41**

**Focal Truth: God’s encouragement to Israel in times of trial**

**Observations**

1. God reminds Judah that He is the One who works all things for their good – 41:1 - 4

**Promise -** I the Lord, am the first and with the last, I am He – 41:4

1. God describes the helplessness of idolaters who prepare for war against the coming ruler who will conquer them – 41:5 – 7

Each one says to one another – **Be strong!** – 41:6

He who smooths the metal with the hammer encourages him who beats the anvil, saying of the soldering, **it is good**. **He fastens it with nails, so that it will not totter** 41:7

1. God promises Judah that He will bring them back from captivity – 41:8 – 10

**Promise -** You are My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you – 41:9

**Promise -** Do not fear, for I am with you – 41:10

**Promise -** Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God – 41:10

**Promise -** I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you – 41:10

**Promise -** Surely, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand – 41:10

1. God promises to protect Judah from her enemies – 41:11 - 14

**Promise -** For I am the Lord your God who upholds your right hand,

who says to you do not fear for I am with you – 41:13 – 14

1. God promises that Judah will defeat their enemies by His power – 41:15 - 16

**Promise -** You will rejoice in the Lord, you will glory in the Holy One of Israel – 41:16

1. God promises to care for the thirsty & needy for His glory & honor – 41:17 - 20

**Promise -** As the God of Israel, I will not forsake them – 41:17

**Promise -** That they may see and recognize, and consider and gain insight as well, that the hand of the Lord has done this, & the Holy One of Israel has created it – 41:20

1. God reminds Judah that no idol has spoken good news of their coming salvation 41:21 – 29
2. I have aroused one from the north and he has come – 41:25
3. Who has declared this from the beginning, that we might know? – 41:26
4. There was no one who declared – 41:26
5. There was no one who proclaimed – 41:26
6. There was no one who heard your words – 41:26
7. God reminds Judah that He promised that they would tell the good news of their salvation - 41:27 (Isa. 40:9)
8. Formerly, I said to Zion…I will give a messenger of good news – 41:27
9. God reminds Judah that their idols that can’t speak are worthless & useless - 41:28 -29
10. When I look there is no one, there is no counselor among them – 41:28
11. Who if I ask can give an answer – 41:28
12. Behold all of them are false, their works are worthless, their molten images are wind and emptiness

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Jesus promises believer’s – I am the first and the last – Rev. 1:17; 22:13
2. Believers are chosen by God for salvation – Col. 3:12 – those who have been chosen by God
3. If God is for us who can be against us as believers in Christ? – Rom 8:31
4. Believers must keep themselves from idolatry – 1 John 5:21

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**