

BEHOLDING THE GOD OF REDEPTIVE-COVENANTAL LOVE (Isaiah 43:1-7)

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I. Introduction: God's Love as Complex, not Simple

Universal Love — John 3:16; Matt 5:43-48

Redemptive-Covenantal Love — Rom 9:13; Eph 1:5; Eph 5:25

Charles Spurgeon – “The Lord, then, has a people whom He regards with a special love which is not shed abroad in the hearts of others. These people He set apart for Himself from eternity.”
(From “God Comforting His People,” Volume 52, Sermon #3012 - Isaiah 49:13)

II. God's Redemptive-Covenantal Love Extolled in Isaiah 43:1-7

A. God's Redemptive-Covenantal Formation of His People Established (43:1)

B. God's Redemptive-Covenantal Commitment to His People Expressed (43:2)

C. God's Redemptive-Covenantal Love for His People Expanded (43:3-4)

D. God's Redemptive-Covenantal Pledge to His People Extended (43:5-6)

E. God's Redemptive-Covenantal End for His People Extolled (43:7)

III. Conclusion

A. The “problem of goodness,” not the problem of evil, is the real “problem” that God faces as He sees us in our sin – i.e., how can God show goodness, mercy, kindness, and favor toward sinful humanity when all that they deserve is His judgment, wrath, and everlasting condemnation?

B. Embrace this special love, this saving-covenantal love of God for His own. Be humbled by it, be filled with joy over it, and be empowered to live lives that express the depth of our dependence upon and gratitude for such unspeakably lavish, costly, and undeserved love.