

**August 14**  
**Isaiah 41-43**

**Is. 41:1** Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. **2** Who raised up the righteous *man* from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow. **3** He pursued them, *and* passed safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet. **4** Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I *am* he. **5** The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. **6** They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage. **7** So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, *and* he that smootheth *with* the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, *that* it should not be moved. **8** But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. **9** *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

**Is. 41:10** Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. **11** Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. **12** Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. **13** For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. **14** Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. **15** Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. **16** Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. **17** *When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. **18** I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. **19** I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box tree together: **20** That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

**Is. 41:21** Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong *reasons*, saith the King of Jacob. **22** Let them bring *them* forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they *be*, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. **23** Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together. **24** Behold, ye *are* of nothing, and your work of

nought: an abomination *is he that* chooseth you. **25** I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. **26** Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* none that sheweth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words. **27** The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. **28** For I beheld, and *there was* no man; even among them, and *there was* no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. **29** Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

**Is. 42:1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. **2** He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. **3** A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. **4** He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

**Is. 42:5** Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: **6** I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; **7** To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. **8** I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. **9** Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. **10** Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. **11** Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. **12** Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

**Is. 42:13** The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. **14** I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. **15** I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. **16** And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. **17** They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.

**Is. 42:18** Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. **19** Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and

blind as the LORD'S servant? **20** Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not. **21** The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honourable. **22** But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. **23** Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come? **24** Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. **25** Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

**Is. 43:1** But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. **2** When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. **3** For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. **4** Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. **5** Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; **6** I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; **7** *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

**Is. 43:8** Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. **9** Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth. **10** Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. **11** I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour. **12** I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God. **13** Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

**Is. 43:14** Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships. **15** I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. **16** Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; **17** Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. **18** Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. **19** Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert. **20** The beast of the field shall honour me, the

dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. **21** This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

**Is. 43:22** But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. **23** Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. **24** Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. **25** I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. **26** Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. **27** Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. **28** Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.