

# LOVE

*came down*

**“Soon”**

Isaiah 42:1-9

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The Deliverance Duel

*The Servant will...*

- 1.
- 2.
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**Mishpat -**

(v. 6) *God gives his Servant as a*

\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hope in Desperate Times**

**Take Home Truth:**

My \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus Christ my \_\_\_\_\_,  
the One who makes \_\_\_\_\_.

**Today's Core Virtue:** Hope

**Today's Action:**

1. List the things you hope God will do. How are these things found in his Word? Consider ways to strengthen your hope in God, beginning with praise and prayer.
2. Complete today's Deeper Connection study.



## Deeper Connection Study

This is the first of four Servant passages in Isaiah (see also 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12). In a time when Israel was disciplined for putting their hope in idols, the LORD God set forth a case for his kingdom reign through his chosen servant. The arrival of this Servant is anticipated for us today.

*Today's Core Virtue discussed: Hope.*

### Read Isaiah 42:1-9

1. How does Yahweh exalt and empower his servant (v. 1)?
2. Why will this servant “not shout or cry out” (v. 2)? What does this reveal about his character?
3. What is the meaning of “bruised reed” and “faintly burning wick” (v. 3)? How will the servant deal with these?
4. How will Jesus fulfill this image of God’s Servant (cf. Matt. 12:15-21)?
5. What does Yahweh assert about himself (vv. 6, 8; cf. 41:13)? How does this contrast idols and their adherents (cf. 41:21-29)?
6. It is mentioned three times that this Servant will bring justice (vv. 1b, 3b, 4a). How do you envision the Servant bringing justice to the nations? How is this his mission?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for sending us his chosen Servant, our Messiah. Ask God to help you know him more deeply as you place your hope in him. Pray for opportunities to inspire others with the hope of salvation in Christ.

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First Sunday of Advent

November 26, 2017

The theme of the first week of Advent is Hope. God’s people eagerly and patiently wait for the arrival of the promised Messiah. As we celebrate the first Advent, we have hope in the return of Christ our King.

Isaiah’s message reveals the Lord’s chosen Servant whose ministry will have global impact. The characteristics of this Servant of Yahweh point to Jesus Christ. With the incarnation of Jesus, Love came down from heaven. God made his dwelling with people and the hope of heaven was realized in Jesus.

Hope is a valuable commodity in dark times. Though we live in a much different era and culture than when Isaiah wrote or when Jesus taught, there remains a need for hope – for justice, deliverance, and reconciliation with God. Yet this much is true: How we live happens to reveal where our hope is placed. If we’re not careful, we just might realize we have misplaced our hope. Even still, God grabs our attention to highlight his promised Servant to instill us with hope and bolster our faith in him.