

# Look at my Servant !!

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- [ 0 : 00 ]     We can sing these verses of the second psalm from verse 6 through to the end of the psalm. Yet notwithstanding, I have him to be my king appointed.  
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At your side, my holy hell, I have him to be my king.  
Thou sure decree, I will repay. Thou warm, thou send to me.  
Thou warm, my dawn is on this day.
- [ 1 : 23 ]     Thy holy, O heavenly. As only and for heritage, the heathen I give rise.  
And heart possession I to thee.  
With care, the love of mine. Thou shalt thou shalt, thou shalt give me my heart.  
All fire, O heavenly. Thou shalt thou shalt, thou shalt give me my heart. And God's love, the shirk of shalt.  
Thou shalt thou shalt, thou shalt give me my heart. Now therefore, kings be wise be taught.
- [ 2 : 58 ]     In joshes of the holy air. Thou shalt thou shalt, thou shalt give me my heart.  
Thou shalt thou shalt, thou shalt give me my heart. Here, his gear, the sun, theicie of thy Lord is all the way. In joshes of the holy air.  
If I'll shalt thou shalt give me my heart. Jesus, let's all and all live.  
Let us join together in prayer. Let us bless it, God, as we approach your throne.  
We give thanks that one who sits upon it invites us to come, encourages us to come.
- [ 4 : 28 ]     We bless you and thank you that though you are a king of kings, a lord over all, that you allow, such as we are, to enter into your presence.  
There is no earthly king who allows such a privilege or such a right. If we were to approach the king of our own nation, there would be all kinds of requirements placed upon us.  
we would need to be instructed as to how to deport ourselves, how to behave in his presence, even if we were granted access to it.  
And we acknowledge that that is our our bounding duty to give him the place that is his as our sovereign.  
But so much more it be holds us to recognize that the God who is our God is a God who has the authority and the right of a king over us as his subjects.
- [ 6 : 11 ]     And yet we have been granted free access in and through the person of his son, the Prince of Peace. And we marvel at the way in which that access has been purchased, that it is in and through the sacrifice for sin that he offered.

We barely comprehend the significance of all that is ours by way of right and privilege, but your word sets it before us and grant to us that clarity of understanding, that discernment that allows us to grasp the truth and the significance of it as it applies to each of us here, from the youngest to the oldest.

We pray your blessing upon us on this Lord's Day, the last Lord's Day of the year. For many it has significance for different reasons and we acknowledge their right to give that significance to it.

But our prayer is that what makes this day significant for us is the fact that it is your day that bears your name wherein you are to be offered our holy, undivided attention and affection and our worship even as at other times.

We pray your blessing upon your word as we read it and as we sing it and as we reflect upon it. We pray for all present, thankful for them and ask that you would bless them according to the needs that you know, that they are aware of themselves, some of them, some unbeknown to them.

[ 8 : 16 ] But your knowledge is not restricted. you have an all-seeing eye that is able to penetrate whatever camouflage, whatever hindrances we put upon our heart from the eyes of our fellows.

Nothing can debar you from access to the most intimate detail of our life, that which we would hide from others is not hidden from you.

We thank you for that. Thank you for your mercy, for your grace, for your long-suffering, for your patience, your kindness, for all the divine attributes that speak of your greatness.

We pray for your blessing then upon our lives, upon our homes, our families, those near and dear to us wherever they are found today, those for whom we may be concerned, some suffering by the reason of illness, some hospitalized, some being cared for in their own homes, some who are looking forward with fear and trepidation to what the future holds for them, and that because of their need at this present time, we commit them all to your care, remembering any for whom these cares are exceptionally onerous, may you bear our burdens with us.

You are the burden bearer. In the person of Christ you showed us that, how he came into the world to carry our sins, and so he did in his own body to the tree.

[ 10 : 10 ] help us to look unto Jesus today, the author and finisher of our faith. These words are so often on our lips and yet they are never often enough in our thoughts.

The author and the finisher, the perfecter of our faith, the one upon whom our heart dwells as the alone saviour of sinners.

Magnify his name amongst us that we may glorify him in our lives and in our testimony even to others. Bless our homes, bless those who are our near neighbours, bless the community of which we are a part.

May you visit us in mercy by pouring out your spirit upon us. You have not in any way shown us to have your arms shortened in that you cannot save.

You are still even able to save to the uttermost such as come to you by way of Christ, whoever they may be.

[ 11 : 25 ] However far distant they may appear to us to be, you are able to bring them to you. We think of the unregenerate and repaint those who have blotted their copy book to the extreme that they would seem to us to be without hope of redemption and yet the truth is different to that conclusion.

The blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse from all sin. How wonderful that all is. We give thanks for it and we pray that you would remind us of it.

Do not allow any to believe that even though they are not numbered amongst those who have gone to such extremes with their life that if they are out of Christ they are in such jeopardy for their soul that they must not rely on anything that is true of themselves.

If it is not true of them with regard to Christ that they know him and that they have closed in with him by way of faith that they are numbered with the lost.

When the day will come as it will come to all of us that death will close our eyes out of Christ we will enter into a lost eternity from which there will be no recovery.

[ 12 : 56 ] Lord help us to believe the truth. Grant to us a faith by which to lay hold of him that same Christ that came into this world to seek and to save the lost.

We bless you for a day that marks his birth. Whatever it may mean to many today we pray that somehow through the through the glitter and the glamour of all that they engage in that they will see the glory of Christ and that they will sing heartily the words of the angels who lauded his approach and who celebrated his birth.

Glory to God on the highest on earth peace. Good will to all men. He came to show us what through pieces may it be ours, may it settle our simmering hearts, our troubled hearts, our stormy lives, may the storms abate, we pray.

Hear our prayers then, watch over us as an island community, as a nation, those who govern us in the name of the king we pray for them, for their wisdom, that it may be brought from heaven, may the foolishness that so clearly is in evidence may it be thwarted and overturned and instead may grace abound even as it does to the chief of sinners.

Hear our pleas for our king and his family at this time and at all times. Remember the nations of the earth, we pray for those who are afflicted by war and suffering, we pray for those who are deprived of creature comforts such as food and water and clothing and shelter, things which we take for granted, those who are without, may they find themselves encircled by the prayers of a believing people who will cause you to minister to them, because you have the ability to bring to the wanting world that we are in provisions that exceed our asking.

[ 15 : 42 ] Watch over us each one we pray, cleanse from every sin, and go before us in the Redeemer's name. Amen. Amen. We are going to sing to God's praise from Psalm 45, Psalm 45, the first version of the psalm, from the beginning, down to verse 6.

Psalm 45, from the beginning, my heart indights, my heart brings forth a goodly thing, my words that I indight concern the King, my tongue is a pen of one that swift doth write, though fairer art than sons of men, and to thy lips the store of grace infused, God therefore thee hath blessed forevermore, O thou that art the mighty one, thy sword gird on thy thigh, even with thy glory excellent, and with thy majesty, for meekness, truth, and righteousness in state ride prosperously, and thy right hand shall thee instruct in kings that fearful be, thine arrows sharply pierce the heart of the enemies of the king, and under thy subjection the people down do bring, forever and forever is,

O God, thy throne of might, the scepter of thy kingdom is a scepter that is right, and so on. Let us sing these verses, Psalm 45, the first version of the psalm, my heart brings forth a goodly thing, my words that I and I my heart brings for the goodly thing, my works that I unite, concern the king, my times lie, know.

thank you, or tell me that guru thee in stone, oh, yeah, thou ferneth holy, God, thou publicly ■■■ pornist, sons, glory, thou are in stone, sworn Exper advances, outwshot H■, life, O grave, thou fiction■ beat, ■■■imoapAd hairdotty, Saturday and Thou Son of man reigns you in love with Me.

Barnum, I did want thy sword here on the high.

[ 19 : 02 ] It will my glory and strength. I will my God just be.

For meekness, truth, unrighteousness, in spirit I am frozenly.

And thy right arms crown me in the pure holy.

Thy narrow shine with the heart of the earth.

Thy narrow shine for the King. And under the light of the Lord, the heaven of the King.

[ 20 : 26 ] Forever and forever is, O God and Lord Almighty.

Thy tender, O my King, O my King. Thy tender, O my King.

I am going to hear God's word as we have it in the Old Testament scriptures and the book of the prophet Isaiah. And we are reading from chapter 42.

The book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 42, reading from the beginning down to verse 17.

Chapter 42. Behold my servant whom I uphold, mine elect in whom my soul delighteth. I have put my spirit upon him.

[ 21 : 46 ] He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flags shall he not quench. He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail, nor be discouraged. Till he have set judgment in the earth, and the isles shall wait for his law. 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. 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.

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, And them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord, that is my name, And my glory will I not give to another, Neither my praise to graven images.

[ 23 : 09 ] Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things do I declare. Before thee spring forth I tell you of them. Sing unto the Lord a new song, And his praise from the end of the earth.

He that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, The isles and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, The villages that cater doth inhabit.

Let the inhabitants of the rocks sing, Let them shout from the top of the mountains, Let them give glory unto the Lord, And declare his praise in the islands.

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.

I have long time holding my peace, I have been still, and refrained myself. Now will I cry like a travelling woman, I will destroy and devour at once, I will make waste mountains and hills, And dry up all their hairs.

[ 24 : 29 ] And I will make the riversh islands, And I will dry up the pools. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not. I will lead them in a path 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.

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.

Amen. And may the Lord add his blessing to our reading of this word, And to his name be the praise. So I am going to continue to sing to God's praise.

This time the words of Psalm 72. Psalm 72. At the beginning of the Psalm, Down to verse 8.

- [ 25 : 33 ] Psalm 72. O Lord, Thy judgments give the King, His Son, Thy righteousness. With right he shall thy people judge, Thy poor with uprightness.

The lofty mountains shall bring forth unto the people peace. Likewise the little hills the same, Thou do by righteousness. The people's poor ones he shall judge, The needy's children save, And those shall he in pieces break, Who them oppressed have.

They shall be feared, While sun and moon do last, Through ages all, Like rain on morn grass he shall drop, Or showers on earth had fall.

The just shall flourish in his days, And prosper in his rain. He shall, While death the moon endure, Abundant peace maintain.

His large and great dominion, Shall from sea to sea extend, Out from the river shall reach forth, And to earth's utmost end.

- [ 26 : 43 ] And so on. These verses, Psalm 72, From the beginning, O Lord, Thy judgments bring the King, His Son, Thy righteousness.

O Lord, Thy judgments give Thou me, Thoumi slough while the Peter and what are necessities The longing of this shall reign o'er unto the King of kings.

Likewise the winter is the same, shall you by my children.

The people's world once be found yet, the need is children's care.

And though shall be in his head great, good and more has it all.

- [ 28 : 44 ] They shall be pure, white sun and moon, good and courageous love.

Theon and brantle of sinners and mad.

God, your salvation is, and God, my heaven is great.

He shall one of the moon and the earth abandon his vengeance.

His vigilance seems to me with his glory.

- [ 30 : 15 ] In all the rivers are re-born And to heaven's end Let us for a little time turn to the passage that we read together The Old Testament Scriptures, the book of the prophet Isaiah chapter 42 And we're looking at the very first verse of that chapter Chapter 42, verse 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

And so on I wonder what many people are doing this Lord's Day morning I don't think it would be difficult for any one of us to think about what many people may be doing As families, or even people living by themselves That life today would be taken up Not everybody obviously, but some at least With the idea of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ But unlike many Lord's Days Lord's Days Where I hope our attention is focused on the same Lord Jesus His Word speaks pre-eminently about him

Whether we're looking at the book of Genesis Or the Old Testament prophets Or any one of the epistles Whether it teaches doctrine Whether it teaches various theologies At the heart of what is taught Is the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ What he means to his people What he means to the world What he has accomplished What he has yet to accomplish And I'll focus every Lord's Days on that passion In one way, shape or form Those many who today might take time out of their usual pattern of living Will perhaps think about the Lord Jesus And their thinking will be very loosely based upon

What they understand the passion of the Lord Jesus to be all about Sadly, it will be little more than lip service One of the preachers A Scottish preacher Who's taken up residence in America And who's a renowned conference speaker Alastair Begg Wrote the following And I would go along with what he says Because I enjoy this time of year Because it's a time that we spend with family That we don't normally have the privilege of doing And we have a time of rest and relaxation And fun and games and all that goes with it I enjoy that I'm not denigrating all of the things

That we take part in at this time of year But we do lose sight of what's important And this is what Begg says At Christmas, many of us feel tremendously cozy As we think about the familiar nativity story Filled with all kinds of sentimentalism It is entirely possible for us to completely disengage From the whole panorama of God's purpose To allow familiarity with the scene To blind us to the awe-inspiring truth That as we look at the baby in a Bethlehem manger We are looking in on the servant of God And is that not the truth?

[ 35 : 27 ] When we think of Christmas time The nativity, the birth of Christ The stable, the angels The wise men from the east The disclosure regarding who he is as king Blinds us to the significance That he truly possesses All the psalms that we sang today Did you notice they spoke about one thing in particular?

I hope you noticed It speaks about his role as king And that's who he is He's the king The king of kings And he's lord over all And yet This verse doesn't speak about a king Behold, he says My servant Whom I uphold Mine elect In whom my soul delighted I have put my spirit upon him He shall bring forth judgment To the Gentiles Where is the connection Between the king And the servant And that is what blinded the eyes of many Who witnessed the birth of Christ And those who saw the infant Christ Rise up into adulthood

They expected a king They were waiting for a king And what they encountered Was a servant They were totally Taken up with what they were seeing Which contradicted What they expected to see And they did not Appreciate What they saw Because of their expectation Expectation Now looking closely at this verse We know that Theologians They explore the scripture And they Especially the Old Testament And they look at this passage And the book of Isaiah In particular And they say Isaiah talks about a servant And we believe that servant To be Israel And I believe that many Jews

To this day Believe that the words of the prophet Isaiah Apply to the nation of Israel This is the servant That is spoken of here And the sufferings of the servant Which Isaiah is full of They apply to the nation of Israel And the sufferings of that nation Some believe that The servant that is spoken of Must be limited to The chosen servant In other words The servant is Israel But not Israel As a whole But chosen Israel Those who Were not part of Apostate Israel As many were Those who had gone away From the Lord But those who were faithful To the covenant Those who were faithful Believing the promises That God gave to the nation So the servant They believe To be A believing Israel

But this verse Does not speak About Israel It doesn't speak About believing Israel It speaks about A passion There may be passages Within the prophecy That speaks about The nation Or about The elect From that nation But this word Speaks about A passion And it is A particular passion One passion Out of all people Because this person Is identified As God's servant And not only Is he identified As God's servant But the person Of whom this verse Speaks Takes this verse And applies it To himself He insists That this word Is a word Applicable to none other Than himself And we know that

[ 40 : 07 ] To be the case Because in the Gospel of Matthew The Lord Jesus Christ Quotes these words Of Isaiah And he takes them And he applies them To himself In Matthew chapter 12 Then the Pharisees Went out And held a council Against him How they might Destroy him But when Jesus Knew it He withdrew himself From thence And great multitudes Followed him And he healed them all And charged them That they should not Make him known That it might Be fulfilled Which was spoken By Isaiah The prophet Saying Behold my servant Whom I have chosen My beloved In whom my soul Is well pleased

I will put my spirit Upon him And he shall show Judgment To the Gentiles And so on He quotes The words Of the prophet With the intention That What is said By the prophet He applies To himself Because Of his understanding That he is here To serve And at the point At which he speaks There and applies These words To himself He knows That this world Is not ready To recognise Him as The servant The chosen Of God The one Sent by God But the prophet Means us To understand That Jesus

Has come To serve While the world Cannot Accept That As I said If you were A Jew And you were Familiar With all these Psalms That we were Singing And You go To his birth Even And You hear Of the birth Of one Who was going To be King Of the Jews So easy To take To take These words Of scripture And Marry them Together And Conceive Of this Christ Who is Going To rise Up And to Rule And to Govern And to Do so Openly And publicly Over a Nation That will Bear His name And that's The way People Think And thought And still Perhaps Do But Jesus Tells them Not to Tell others Who he is Because his

Time has Not yet Come His time Has not Yet Come But the Prophet says To us And to To those Who read The prophecy Behold My servant That's what I want you To do Today To Want you To do Today To look Behold My servant Look At this Passion That God Through the Prophet Points us To And to See for Ourselves The kind Of passion That he is And well That's not True Because I Think if you Read the Context It's not Really the Passion Himself That God Is pointing Is to But to What this Passion Is going To do That's the Difference Behold

My servant Whom I Uphold My Delect In whom My soul Delighteth I have Put my Spirit Upon He Shall Bring Forth Judgment To the Gentiles So it's Not really Saying to Us I Want you To look At Jesus So that You will See The Kind The kind Of Person That he Is In the Sense Of What he Is Like Physically Well that's Not possible What he's Like As a Person What his Character Is like Well maybe There are Passages That we Can go To Where that Is The focus But it's Not really The characteristics Of his Nature That we Pointed To But particularly What Jesus Has come To do What is Lost sight Of At this Time of The world Jesus Gentle Lying in The manger So weak So Infirm So Vulnerable So

[ 45 : 10 ] Unlike Anything That we Could expect To be the Source Of great Power And yet The prophet Says God says To the Prophet Behold Luke It's a Favorite word Of Isaiah No doubt What has He come To accomplish But a Mission Today Of all Days You may Know Or think You know What it Is all About But we Do not At this Very Moment Thinking Of About Jesus The Servant We Might not Think of Jesus The Servant But one Thing that You can Know for Yourself Through Reading the Bible Is that Jesus Thought About

Jesus The Servant He He Understood He Was in The World To Servant Remember When When he Met The Woman Of Samaria It Was a Chance Encounter Or so It Seems To us He Needed A Drink And he Went To where You would Expect to Find a Drink A Well And he Met this Woman He'd Never Met her Before And yet He knew All about Her And she Was so Impressed By his Knowledge That she Couldn't But believe That there Was something Significant About this Person Something That separated Him From anybody That she Had ever Met before But Jesus In process Of speaking To her Says this My Mead Is to Do The Will Of him

That sent Me And to Finish The work To finish Not the Work But his Work Imagine That Here was Somebody And the Opportunity Was his You know He dealt Very kindly With this Woman He Delved Into the Deepest Recesses Of her Heart He Convinced Her That this Passion Was somebody Unique And somebody Who could Not but Be high And lofty And rather Than take The plaudits And even At that Moment Think Well This woman At least Thinks I'm Great He said No My Mead My work Is to Do The will Of him That sent Me That's why I'm in The world I'm in The world

To serve And who Can doubt That this Was the Great thing That was At the Heart Of the Life Of Jesus He was To submit To the Will Of his Father In heaven And to Discharge All that The Father Gave him To do To do Everything That the Father Gave him To do Remember When he Is Praying The prayer That we Find In John's Gospel He says I have Glorified Thee On the Earth I have Finished The work Which thou Gavest Me To do I have Glorified Thee This was His work This was His ministry This was His service To do Whatever God Sent him To do And he Speaks There of

The glory That he Formerly Possessed In heaven Before he Took upon Him The humanity That was His From that Point on But he Was convinced That he Would return To that Glory That he Would possess That glory Once again That he Would be Honoured And glorified By those Who would Be present With him In glory But for The time Being He was Here To serve I think Last Thursday Night we Talked about The words Of Paul To the Philippians In chapter Two You remember In that Chapter There is The account Given To us Of The service That Jesus Was Going to Fulfill

[ 50 : 12 ] Let his Mind Be in You Which was Also In Christ Jesus Who being In the form Of God Thought it Not robbery To be Equal With God He knew What he Was He knew He was The son Of God He knew That he Was the Second Person In the Trinity That was Not hidden From him That was Not Something That was That he Was unsure About Or uncertain About But Made Himself Of no Reputation And took Upon him The form Of a Servant And was Made In the Likeness Of men Being found In fashion As a man He humbled Himself And became Obedient On to Death Even The death Of the Cross Paul Is persuaded In his own Mind that Jesus Understood What his Role was

And that Being a Servant Was something That he Embraced Wholeheartedly And doing The will Of God His father Was something That he was In the world To do Look at My servant He says Look at My servant And that's What we Need to Do Look at Jesus Christ God's Son But he Says To us Whom I Uphold And I Think that's A lovely Section Of this Verse Whom I Uphold If you Go to The original Hebrew What he Is saying There is I Am Holding Fast This My servant You know When you Uphold Something Like you Remember When Moses Was Praying

To God On behalf Of the Host of Israel And he Had Aaron On one Side And he Had her On the Other Side And one Stood On one Side And up Held His arms As they Were held Aloft Praying to God You can Understand The literal Meaning Of Upholding Then they Were Holding His arms Aloft Because He was Wrestling With Heaven At that Moment God is Saying About His Servant I am Upholding Him But at the Heart of What he is Saying I am Holding Him By his Hand Which is An even Stronger Image I am Holding His Hand Just The same Way as You would Hold the Hand Of an Infant Who is Beginning To Walk Beginning To Put one Step

After another And you Hold their Hand Because They are Not Steady On their Feet And You are Afraid They are Going to Fall So you Put Your Hand In Their Hand And that's The image That God Is giving To us Remember This is God Speaking Through The prophet This is My servant And because Of the Nature of The service That he Is going To accomplish I am Upholding Him in That service I am Holding His Hand His Hand Is in Mine As he Fulfils It It's The Leupold One of the Commentators Says He needs Help In his Task And he Enjoys The very Maximum Of help For a Very Difficult And Inordnest Task Every Difficulty That he Encounters In the Service Of God What God Requires Of him

He does And he Requires Divine Strength To do It And that Strength Comes to Him From his Heavenly Father Are you Able to Span The Gospel Are you Able to Think about The words Of the Scripture On every Occasion Where you See Jesus Confronted By hostility Every Occasion Where you See Enemies Line up One after The other Against Him Every Time That he Goes apart To pray And his Prayers And the Strugglings Of somebody Crying out To heaven Father Help me And that Is why God is Saying to Him You know I have Given you This work I have Called you To this Service But you



[ 55 : 15 ] Are to Go on And do It Not Without My Help And he Also Says That It is To be The help Of his Spirit That accompanies That he Goes on To say That I have Put my Spirit Upon him He Provides No less Than the Holy Spirit To be His help My Joseph Mine Elect In whom My soul Delighteth It's Amazing You know I often Say to You that When you Read the Words of Theologians They love To wrestle With scripture They love To wrestle With one Another And you Know some Have got An agenda And some Have got Something That they Want to Press home And they Say well This is God Saying My soul

Delights In Jesus My soul Delights In In my Servant And they Say well This must Mean that God has A soul That God Is different In this In this Sense To our Imagination Of what He is Like but It's Nothing At all To do With that It's Just simply An expression That says To us The God Of heaven Delights In his Servant My soul Delights And it Doesn't Mean that He's Got a Body Which he Doesn't Have He Doesn't Have a Soul Because he Is God Who creates All things He doesn't Possess a Soul In the Way that We imagine That a Soul Is Constructed But he Does Have A Longing And a Desire For his Servant To do Well And to Fulfill The service

To which he Himself Has called Him And as he Fulfills that Service he Delights in Him as He so Does it My Servant My Chosen In whom My soul Delights And Jesus Hold on To the Thought This My Servant When Jesus Embraced Servitude He was Not doing Something Mundane Something Ordinary Something That any Person Here Can Do It is Our Example It is Our Something That we Can go To Learn From John But But his Service Service Was a Service That Required So much Of him That he Needed Sufficient Help From heaven To enable Him to Do it Without it It could not

Be possible Go to when Jesus was Baptized When John Saw Jesus Before Him He Recognized Who he Was And Jesus Wished him To baptize Him And John Did not Wish to do That Because He saw Jesus For something More than He could Possibly Envisage Of doing Something To him In that In that Way He was He was Not Worthy To Tie His Shoelaces But Jesus Said to Him Suffer It to Be so Now This is How it Must be You will Have to Do this And Why Because Jesus Was Witnessing To Something That was True Of Himself And God In Heaven Bore Witness To What Jesus Was Going To Do Because

A dove From Heaven Descended On His Head And God Spoke In The Presence Of That Testimony And Said This Is My Beloved Son In Whom I Am Well Pleased To Remember What Happened At That Moment The Spirit Of Of The Lord Came Upon Is That Not What It Actually Says Suffer It To Be So Now But For Thus It Becometh As To Fulfill All Righteousness Then He Suffered To Jesus When He Was Baptized Went Up Straight Away Out Of The Water And Lo The Heavens Were Opened Unt To Him And He Saw The Spirit Of God Descending Like A Dove And Lighting Upon

[ 60 : 18 ] Him And A Voice From Heaven Saying This Is My Beloved Son In Whom I Am Well Pleased That Wasn't Just A Physical Manifestation Oh It Was That But It Wasn't Just That This Was A Physical Testimony Or Testament To What God Was Doing For For His Son He Was Endowing Him With The Spirit Necessary For The Service That He Was To Carry Out In His Name And Jesus You Know The Apostle Speaks Of It And The Prophet In Fact Speaks Of It Speaks Of What Was Necessary For Jesus At Certain Parts Of His Ministry The Spirit Of The Lord God Is Upon Me Because The Lord Hath Anointed Me To Preach Good Tidings Unto The Meek He Hath Sent Me To Bind

Up The Broken Hearted To Proclaim Liberty To The Captives The Opening Of The Prison To Them That Are Bound To Proclaim The Acceptable Year Of The Lord And The Day Of Vengeance Of Our God To Comfort All That Mourn And So On The Spirit Of The Lord God Is Upon Me It's Hard For Us To Imagine You Know We Spoke About The Preaching Jesus But The Preaching Jesus Like Every Other Preacher And He Was Not Just Another Preacher He Was A Preacher Like No Other But Even He The Son Of God Was Endowed With The Spirit Of God To Enable Him To Preach The Good Tidings Of The Gospel I Have Put God Has Said I Have Put My Spirit Upon Him The

Final Thing Is This I Put My Spirit Upon Him He Shall Bring For Judgement To The Gentiles God God Has Given Him A Task God Has Called Him To Service God Has Endowed Him Equipped Him Enabled Him To Fulfill That Service And Because Of That He Shall Bring Forth Judgment To The Gentiles Just As Some Bible Versions Have We Looked Through The Psalms That We Sing Of Jesus The King And This Is What Happens In This Verse Almost Without Any Fanfare The Servant And The King Become

One They Already Are One But What The Servant Is Not Appointed To Do Usually You Would Not Expect The Servant To Bring For Judgment That's Not His Role That's Not A Servant's Role But It Is The Servant's Role Because The Servant Is Also The King According To Conveyed You Know We Sang Psalm 45 And We Saw In That Psalm Verse 6 Forever And Forever Is O God Thy Throne Of Might The Scepter Of Thy Kingdom Is A Scepter That Is Right Psalm 72 O Lord Thy Judgements Give The King His Son

Thy Righteousness With Right He Shall His People Judge Thy Pooh With Uprightness I Have Put My Spirit Upon Him He Shall Bring Forth Judgment To The Gentiles If You Still Today A Gentle Jesus Meek And Mild In This Stable Robbed In Swaddling Clothes Try And Get Your Head Around This That His Destiny Was To Serve And He Was To Serve In Order To Rule We Don't Usually Expect Our Kings To Be Servants They Would Say They Are But They're Not But This One Is Both These Psalms Remind Us Not Only Of The Enduring Nature Of The Reign Of The King But Also The Just And The Righteous Nature

[ 65 : 20 ] Of The Rain He Will See Evil Displaced As A Consequence Of What He Does He Will Secure Victory For His People By His Service Even The Service That Takes Him To The Cross To Close With The Words Of Professor John L.

Mackay He Will Right Wrongs And Inaugurate The Practice Of True Relations And So Bring The Conduct Of The Nations Into Conformity With God's Ways A New World Order Centred On The Servant And Bringing Benefits That Are Not Restricted to Jerusalem in other words read this verse because this verse challenges the thinking of the Jews for which God's word God's promises are exclusive in their opinion but the promises include not just Jewry but the Gentile nations as well the servant came to serve and the service was perfect nothing lacking and we rejoice today not just that he was born but that he died on the cross and that he rose from the dead and having risen from the dead he sits at the right hand of glory as king and the day will come when this world of ours which

Caleb serves to his presence whatever they make of it will know with certainty who this Jesus is and what this Jesus did those who are his will rejoice when they see that those who are not will be filled with fear and dread because he will exercise judge judgment justly righteously perfectly may God bless to his be so let us pray have a blessed God open our eyes that we may see Jesus that we may see him as the servant the exalted servant the God honoring servant may our service see ourselves seek to follow his example we confess how lacking in obedience it truly is cleanse us from every shortcoming we pray in Jesus name

Amen the closing psalm is psalm 72 we are going to sing the last three verses of the psalm psalm 72 his name forever shall endure last like his son it shall men shall be blessed in him and blessed all nations shall it call now blessed be the Lord our God the God of Israel for he alone doth wonder in glory that excel and blessed be his glorious name to all eternity the whole earth let his glory fully may so so let it be his name forever shall endure his name forever shall endure last time the son is shall men shall be said all and o'er men we or we

Lord of Israel, are ye a bone of wondrous heart in glory of Israel?

[ 70 : 15 ] And blessed be His glorious name to all eternity.

The hope that His glory will be the Son of God.

Amen. So let it be. Now may grace and mercy and peace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest and abide with you all now and always.

Amen.