

He does not faint;  
He is not weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who lacks might, He increases strength.

<sup>30</sup> Even youth will grow faint and weary,  
and young men will certainly stumble,

<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD will renew their strength;  
they will go up with wings like eagles,  
they will run and not grow weary,  
and they will walk and not faint.

#### ISRAEL IS THE LORD'S SERVANT (41:1-20)

**The LORD** **41** Be silent before Me, O islands,  
and let the peoples renew their strength;  
let them approach,  
then let them speak:

**People** “Let us draw near together for judgment.”

**Isaiah or  
the LORD** <sup>2</sup> Who stirred up a righteous one from the east,  
calling him to his feet?

He gives up nations before him  
and made him rule over kings,  
who makes them like dust with his sword,  
like wind-scattered stubble with his bow.

<sup>3</sup> He subjugates them, he passes in peace,  
by paths his feet have not trod.

<sup>4</sup> Who has performed and done this, calling the generations  
from the beginning?

**The LORD** “I, the LORD am the first,  
and with the last ones, I am He!”

<sup>5</sup> The islands have seen and feared;  
the ends of the earth tremble.

They have drawn near,  
and they have come.

<sup>6</sup> Everyone helps his neighbor  
and to his brother says, “Be strong.”

<sup>7</sup> And the craftsman strengthens the smith;  
 the hammer wielder strengthens the anvil pounder.  
 He says to the soldering: “It {the idol} is good,”  
 And he strengthens it {the idol} with nails  
 so that it will not totter.

<sup>8</sup> And you, Israel, are My servant,  
 Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
 the offspring of Abraham, My friend,

<sup>9</sup> whom I strengthened from the ends of the earth,  
 and from its farthest corners called to you, saying,  
 “I have chosen you,  
 and I have not rejected you.

<sup>10</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;  
 do not be afraid, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you,  
 also, I will help you,  
 also, I will uphold you  
 with My right hand, My righteousness.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all who are angry with you will be ashamed  
 and confounded;  
 those who strive against you will be as nothing and will perish.

<sup>12</sup> You will seek those who contend with you,  
 but you will not find them.

Those who war against you will be as nothing,  
 and as nothingness.

<sup>13</sup> For I, the LORD, your God, grasp your right hand.”  
 It is I who say to you:

“Do not fear, I am helping you.

<sup>14</sup> Do not fear, O worm of Jacob, men of Israel, I am helping you,”

**Isaiah** declares the LORD  
 and your Redeemer,  
 the Holy One of Israel.

**The LORD** <sup>15</sup> “Behold, I make of you a threshing instrument,  
 a new one, having two edges;  
 you will thresh and crush mountains,  
 and you will make the hills like chaff.

<sup>16</sup>You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away,  
and the tempest will scatter them.

And you will be joyful in the LORD;  
you will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>17</sup>The poor and the needy seek water, but there is none.  
Their tongue is parched with thirst.

I, the LORD, will answer them;  
I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

<sup>18</sup>I will open up rivers on the barren heights  
and fountains in the valleys.

I will make the wilderness a pool of water  
and the parched land springs of water.

<sup>19</sup>I will place in the wilderness the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and  
olive tree;  
I will set in the desert the cypress, plane, and pine trees together.”

**Isaiah** <sup>20</sup>So that they may see and know,  
and they may consider and understand together  
that the hand of the LORD has done this,  
and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

GRAVEN IMAGES ARE CHAOS, NOTHING, AND EMPTINESS  
(41:21-29)

**The LORD** <sup>21</sup>“Set forth your case,”

**Isaiah** says the LORD.

**The LORD** “Bring forth your evidences,”

**Isaiah** says the King of Jacob.

**The LORD** <sup>22</sup>“Let them [graven images] bring forth and tell us what  
will happen.

Tell us the former things, what they are, that our heart may  
consider them,

and then we may know their outcome,  
or declare to us the things that are to come.

<sup>23</sup>Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you  
are gods;  
yea, do good or do evil, that we may be frightened and see together.

<sup>24</sup>Behold, you are nothing,  
and your work is worthless!

He who chooses you is an abomination.”

<sup>25</sup> I stirred up one from the north, and he has come,  
and from the rising of the sun, he will call on My name,  
and he will come on rulers as on mortar  
and as the potter tramples clay.

<sup>26</sup> Who declared it from the beginning, that we might know?  
Or beforehand, that we might say, “He is righteous?”

Yea, there are none who declare,  
yea, there are none who announce,  
yea, there are none who hear your sayings.

<sup>27</sup> First for Zion, behold, here they are,  
and I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good tidings.

<sup>28</sup> And I looked, and there is no one;  
and among them [the false gods], there is no counselor,  
whom I asked, that could answer a word.

<sup>29</sup> Behold, they are all chaos,  
their works are nothing,  
their molten images are wind and emptiness.

#### A PROPHECY OF JESUS CHRIST’S MISSION AND MINISTRY (42:1-9)

**The LORD** **42** Behold, My servant, whom I uphold,  
My chosen, in whom my soul delights.  
I have put My spirit upon him;  
he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice,  
nor make it heard outside.

<sup>3</sup> He will not break a crushed reed,  
and He will not quench a faltering wick;  
He will bring forth justice in truth.

<sup>4</sup> He will not falter  
nor be discouraged  
until He has established justice in the earth,  
and the islands will wait for His law.

**Isaiah** <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
Creator of the heavens, and He stretches them out,  
He spreads forth the earth and that which comes from it,