

**Title: “Let the Believers Give Glory to the Lord in Song”****Isaiah 42:10–17**

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**I. Historical Background & Biblical Context****A. Historical Background**

The book of Isaiah is one of the most powerful prophetic books in the Bible. Isaiah, a prophet to Judah (the southern kingdom), ministered during a time of moral collapse, political corruption, and spiritual confusion. He preached from about 740–680 BC, through the reigns of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Isaiah 42 lands in a message of hope, redemption, and the rise of God's servant.

**B. Biblical Context**

By the time we hit chapter 42, God's people are facing the fallout of their unfaithfulness. They're either in exile or right on the edge of being taken by Babylon. The temple, the place of worship, is destroyed. The land they loved is gone. The dream feels dead. And the people are asking, “Did God bounce on us?” But Isaiah steps in and says: “Nah. God ain't gone. He's just getting started.”

Verses 1–9 set the stage for the praise in verses. In verses 10–17, God introduces His chosen Servant, one who will bring justice not through shouting, but through steady, faithful, Spirit-filled ministry. He will open blind eyes, free the prisoners, and be a covenant to the people. This is not just about comfort, this is about calling. God is raising up His Servant (spoiler alert: that's Jesus) to confront injustice, restore dignity, and show the world what true righteousness looks like. Verse 9 ends with this declaration: “See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

**And now, with the stage set... Isaiah flips the script.** If a new move of God is coming... then a new song is required. That's where we step into verses 10–17. God introduces this mysterious Servant and His chosen one, who won't yell in the streets but will still bring justice, heal broken hearts, and lead folks back to God.

Throughout every verse, we are reminded that the praise we offer is not disconnected from pain, it is grounded in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. He is the One who fulfills every promise in this passage

## **II. The Lesson: Let The Believers Give Glory to The Lord in Song**

### **1. v. 10. “Sing to the Lord a new song...” He is the new song we sing.**

In Scripture, a “new song” marks a new revelation of God's character, especially His salvation (Psalm 98). Jesus Christ is the new song we sing! This is not just a creative expression; it's a spiritual revolution. The word “all” later in the verse “and “all that is in it.” It doubles down on what Psalms 150 says. “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” All whose hope is in the Lord should sing this new song when God is doing something fresh. This ain't a remix it's a brand new anthem. It's not about hype; it's about hope rising up. When the Lord does something new for us our praise should match the newness and freshness of His action. Similarly in relationships. Those of us in marriage often give gifts that show acts of kindness and token of our appreciation. How would we feel if our significant others give the same old low pitch dull “thanks honey or thanks babe” every time we went out of our way to please or bless our spouses. There should be a shift in their tone and gratitude! The same way each morning we are given life in body, breath in our lungs, mobility in limbs and right mind. Our tone should elevate and sentiments should get deeper and love should get stronger. God is and will continue to fight for us, fight for injustice! God has introduced Our redeemer! We should have a new song just based on that alone! Let go of the soundtrack of defeat. Start singing freedom, faith, and future. Let the believers give God glory through a sound of revival!

### **2. v. 11. “Let the desert and its towns raise their voices...”**

**He gathers the outsiders and the forgotten.**

**Need a reason to sing?** Because the sovereign God demands it. This is global and inclusive praise. God's kingdom breaks ethnic, geographic, and social barriers, something echoed in Acts 1:8. God wants and demands praise from everywhere, even the dry places, the struggling neighborhoods, the spots people don't visit. In the text He calls on Kedar (Arab nomads, outsiders) who were descendants of Ishmael who were known for their dark tents and Sela (rocky outposts in enemy land) which is in Edomite territory. God's glory isn't limited by your zip code or bloodline. No matter where you are, give glory and

praise to the Lord! God gathers the outsiders and the forgotten! **God wants a praise party in the most unlikely places from shelters, jail cells, foster homes, and trap houses. Believers, raise your voice where it's quiet!**

**3. v. 12. “Let them give glory to the Lord...”**

**He deserves the glory in every space.** Giving glory is not flattery, it's the right response to divine revelation. It shifts the atmosphere and confronts competing systems. We often scream for sports. We rally for politicians divided by sides singing the praise and glory and honor to candidates who share our same values. But we should be lifting our voice for the Lord, the one who gave us life, purpose, meaning, and value. God has always blessed us even before we became adopted into His kingdom! While we were yet sinners. His grace has always been sufficient before we knew Him, His love has always surrounded us, His marvelous ways have always been evident in our lives whether we saw it or not! Always seek to give the Lord Glory! Let God be lifted in the barbershop, hair salons, the block and the office, the after-school program, and the corner store. Any and Everywhere Let the believers give God glory in song wherever they are!

**4. v. 13. “The Lord marches out like a champion...”**

**He marches for justice.** This language used here aligns with Exodus 15:3 “The LORD is a warrior.” Divine justice is not passive, it's active, and it fights for the oppressed. This isn't a soft and cuddly God. This is the warrior God. Combat boots laced. Ready to throw down for His people. This is another reason shout! God is ready to throw hands for us! Ready to over turn our situations when we have been dealing with injustices on our jobs in our homes and uh oh in churches! God's not chilling He's charging. Justice is His battle cry. That's a reason to sing! Oh how wonderful it feels to know the Lord is getting ready to fight for us! Even now and especially when he returns!

**5. v. 14. “I've held my peace... now I cry like a woman in labor...”**

**He births transformation through His suffering.** God's delay isn't divine apathy, it's strategic patience, but when He moves He is unstoppable! God's been holding back, but now He's releasing power. Like labor pains, this is pressure with a purpose. He's birthing change. Sometimes God's silence is just the buildup before the breakthrough. Believers, let us sing because we have been transformed by His suffering.

**6. v. 15. “I will lay waste to mountains...”****He triumphs over spiritual and systemic strongholds.**

God's about to bulldoze strongholds. Systems that looked untouchable racism, corruption, generational cycles are about to fall. Those of us in the Risc organizations and others, our efforts look hopeless. People in high places look like they are stunting or flexing on us but God will lay waste to those high places. The wealthy who flex their financial muscles on the poor will have to see God! Making references to pulling ourselves up by our boot straps when we aint got the funds to get a strap or some boots! When God moves, no institution is too big to crumble. Praise Him like He's already moving! Let us celebrate the victory we have in the Lord!

**7. v.16. “I will lead the blind by ways they have not known...”****He Leads the blind with mercy and precision**

The Servant (Jesus) restores sight and reveals truth. It's about revelation, not just rehabilitation. God leads the overlooked, the kid with no father, the woman with no help, the man with a record. He's the GPS for the lost. Jesus opened blind eyes, and He still does. Spiritually. Emotionally. Socially. Believers, let us celebrate the guidance of the Lord in song!

**8. v. 17. “They will be turned back... who trust in idols.”****He exposes and replaces the idols of this world.**

Idolatry is spiritual adultery. Trusting what isn't God always leads to judgment, disillusionment, and disconnection. God is done with fake gods: status, clout, addiction, even churchiness with no heart. Idols can't save. They leave you lost. Check what you're trusting. Is it built to last or is it about to fall? Let the believers sing to the true and living God!

**III. Conclusion.****Why This Matters Today for us?**

This is a word for the believer who may be weary, overlooked, and oppressed then and now. Judah was under foreign domination, cut off from power, stripped of their identity. Sound familiar? This passage hits home for: Black and brown communities wrestling with systemic injustice. Folks navigating spiritual blindness, broken trust, or generational trauma. Churches asking, “Is God still fighting for us?” And the answer is: Yes. He is still here. Still moving. Still God.

When God breaks His silence, the first thing He wants from His people ain't strategy it's a song. Not because everything's fixed yet. Not because the pain is over. But because faith has a sound. Judah was still under pressure. The systems weren't gone. The exile wasn't over. But Isaiah said, "Sing anyway." Why? Because when believers lift their voice, they declare war on despair. Because praise tells pain: *"You don't get the last word."* Because your song is not just worship, it's witness. So, whether you're out here in these streets, in the break room, in your 3000 sq. ft house, in a shelter, or standing at a gravesite: If you've seen Him keep you when the odds were against you, If He led you when you were blind to your own worth, If He knocked down walls no one thought would move.

**Then let the believers give glory to the Lord in song!**

Not just because He did it, but because He's still doing it. Because even in exile, He's Emmanuel! God with us. I just recently placed some millings in the back yard to strengthen the ground so that I can park my trailers over so I wouldn't sink down in the grass. And after a while smothered, covered and cut up, that grass that I intentionally covered up began to sprout up through that material I placed over it. Even though our situation may smother us and try to cover us up we can still rise and sing! Let our praise squeal like the serpentine belt after we neglected the service for months! Let our song be our weapon, our witness, and our worship. And when we do, we won't just feel better, we'll help others see better. Because the city is listening. And God is moving. So my fellow believers, my fellow disciples lift Him up. Loud and unapologetic. Because the silence is over and the soundtrack of God's victory is being written in your voice. **When Jesus returns all will be restored!**

Amen.