

LOVE

Love's Pure Light

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Isaiah 42:1-7 (NIV)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”
⁵ This is what God the Lord says—

the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
⁶ “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in
darkness.

Notes:

“Father, you loved me before the creation of the world.” John 17:24

“is the radiance of God’s glory, the exact representation of His being.” Hebrews 1:3

“For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.” John 5:20

“The Father is the lover, the Son is the beloved. So as the Father is the lover and Head of the Son, so Jesus is the lover and head of the church. ‘As the Father has loved me, so I love you’ (John 15:9).” —*Michael Reeves*

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

“Father... may they all be one, as You are in me and I am in You... so that the love You have loved me with may be in them.” John 17:21, 26

“I have put My Spirit on Him; He will bring justice to the nations.” Isaiah 42:1b

v. 1 He will bring justice to the nations.

v. 3 He will faithfully bring justice.

v. 4 He will not grow weak or be discouraged until He has established justice on earth.

“He is the most understanding person in the universe. The posture most natural to him is not a pointed finger but open arms.” —*Dane Ortlund*, “*Gentle and Lowly*”