

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Created and Redeemed for God's Glory

Isaiah 42:18-43:7

October 2nd, 2016

Sermon Text	Sermon Outline
<p>Isaiah 42:18-43:7 Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! [19] Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? [20] He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. [21] The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious. [22] But this is a people plundered and looted; they are all of them trapped in holes and hidden in prisons; they have become plunder with none to rescue, spoil with none to say, "Restore!" [23] Who among you will give ear to this, will attend and listen for the time to come? [24] Who gave up Jacob to the looter, and Israel to the plunderers? Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned, in whose ways they would not walk, and whose law they would not obey? [25] So he poured on him the heat of his anger and the might of battle; it set him on fire all around, but he did not understand; it burned him up, but he did not take it to heart. [43:1] But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. [2] When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. [3] For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. [4] Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. [5] Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. [6] I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, [7] everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."</p>	<p>The often expressed Scriptural teaching about God's purpose in creating and redeeming His people serves again here as a comfort and guidepost for our lives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="966 583 1544 653">I. The universal problem of spiritual failure in our own strength (42:18-25)<li data-bbox="966 800 1536 869">II. God's favor toward us (His chosen people) (43:1)<li data-bbox="966 1016 1487 1045">III. God's never failing care for us (43:2-5)<li data-bbox="966 1192 1544 1262">IV. Our place in the universe is clear- for God's glory (43:6-7)

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Sermon Application Questions

1. Why should knowing about God's care for us (The Church) bring comfort in times of duress?

2. The Israelites were called "deaf and blind". God revealed many things to them, including his Word, yet they didn't follow. Does this compare to the Church in America today? How so? How not?

3. For most of history, in many parts of the world, the Church has suffered persecution. Such days may be coming for American Christians. Discuss these quotes from pastors who have experienced persecution:

Croatian pastor Josep Kulacik asserts- *"Disguised as evil, persecution comes to us as an ultimate manifestation of God's good providence."*

Russian evangelist Georgi Vins- *"In the face of tyranny, oppression, and humiliation, the church has no option but to be the church."*

Bosnian Christian leader Frizof Gemielic- *"Persecution provokes us toward a new-found dependence upon His grace, upon His Word, and upon His people. It is in that sense a paradoxical blessing perhaps even more profound than prosperity."*

4. Why does God create and redeem a people for Himself?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: