

# sermon notes

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Isaiah 41:1-20 | The Righteous Right Hand

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*The Righteous Right Hand is behind and before all things.*

***The Righteous Right hand:***

1) Is one that is first and last to \_\_\_\_\_ (41:1-7).

2) Is one that \_\_\_\_\_ and holds up (41:8-13).

3) Is one that \_\_\_\_\_ and restores (41:14-20).

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

- Read Jeremiah 27:1-11; 2 Kings 20:12-21; Jeremiah 29:4-14. Considering what you know of Babylon and with what you read in these verses, how are God's people to relate to "secular" institutions?
- How much time and energy should Christians spend learning to recognize God's movement in and through current events? Does God move through "pagan" nations today to bring about his will, if so, what does this look like and what does it not look like?

### GET PERSONAL

- Isaiah states that the Righteous Right Hand will make us into a victorious instrument of power and the Righteous Right Hand will help us in times of oppression and difficulty. Which of these two realities is more encouraging to you? Are these two realities appropriately balanced in your life? Where do you sense a greater need for the Holy One of Israel to create in you the presence of God's power or the presence of God's support?
- When it comes to matters of faith and "spirituality" do you tend to emphasize the conceptual and other world realities, or do you tend to emphasize the pragmatic actions in the present? Is one more important than the other? Where do you sense a greater need for the Holy One of Israel to create in you a solid realization of heaven or transcendent activity in the present?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- Preaching – Isaiah leads this prophecy calling people to hear the case of reason regarding God's movement in history. How can (or should) we employ similar approaches to communicating God's truth to one another and the world?
- Worship – Isaiah mentions that Abraham is God's friend, and Jesus said he no longer calls his disciples servants but friends (John 15:12-17). Is it possible to worship Jesus as a "friend?"
- Prayer – God is righteous and holy and has the power to do more than demolish mountains but has the power to "forget us" (Matthew 10:28). Does being chosen by God change your perspective in approaching God in prayer? Even when not knowing what to say or pray about does knowing God tells you "Don't be afraid" increase your confidence? How can you show greater trust in God through prayer?
- Witness – Do you find yourself trying to correct others concerning their behavior and choices over showing them how the idols of our culture cannot measure up to the love, beauty, and redeeming power of Jesus Christ? Do you tend to wrestle with people rather than the arguments raised against the Creator?