THE BOOKFOLIO

When Heaven Speaks, Heaven Agrees

SAGA 1 OF 7 — THE PROPHECY

ISAIAH 42:1

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This excerpt: the Saga Book (student) pages for Saga 1, followed by the Teacher's Master notes for Saga 1.

The Prophecy

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The Scene, Told Plainly

Long, long before Jesus was born — hundreds of years before — God spoke first.

The prophet Isaiah was a man who carried God's word to God's people. One day, God gave Isaiah a word about Someone who was still to come. Isaiah did not keep it to himself. He spoke it out loud, and it was written down, so people could read it and wait.

Listen to what God did in this one short verse. First, God pointed. He said, in plain words: *Look at My Servant.* He was not pointing at a crowd. He was pointing at One Person.

Then God told us what He thinks of Him. The Father holds Him up. The Father chose Him. And the Father's own soul is pleased with Him — He delights in Him. God was not forced to send Him. God was glad to send Him.

Then God made a promise about His Spirit: *I have put My Spirit upon Him.* The Servant would not do His work alone, and He would not do it in His own strength. The Holy Spirit would be upon Him.

And then God told us where this was all going. This Servant would bring God's judgment — God's right and true way of setting things right — to the Gentiles. That means to the nations. To people far away. To people who were not born in Israel. This good news was never going to stay in one small place. It was going out to the whole world.

So before there was a manger, before there was a river to be baptized in, before there was a cross — Heaven had already spoken. And when Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees: the Father planned it, the Son would come and do it, and the Holy Spirit would be upon Him to do it.

The Scripture — The Father's Words, Set Apart

> *"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." — ISAIAH 42:1*

These are the Father's spoken words in this saga. Read them slowly, out loud if you can. Every part of this saga comes from this one verse.

Who Is Speaking

The Father — He is the One speaking in this verse; He points to His Servant, upholds Him, delights in Him, and puts His Spirit upon Him.

The Son — He is the Servant the Father is pointing to; He does not speak in this verse — Heaven speaks about Him before He comes.

The Holy Spirit — He is the Spirit the Father puts upon the Servant, so the Servant's work is done in the Spirit's power.

One Thing to Think About

> **ONE THING TO THINK ABOUT** — The Father spoke about His Servant, and put His Spirit upon Him, hundreds of years before Jesus came — and then He kept His word, exactly as He said it. What does that

tell you about God, that He plans a thing, says it out loud, and then does just what He said?

Journal

Write it in your own words. What part of this verse stayed with you — that the Father upholds Him, that the Father delights in Him, or that the Father put His Spirit upon Him? Why?

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The Prophecy — Teacher's Notes

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Church, I want you to notice who speaks first in this book. Before the Son stands in the river, before the voice comes on the mountain, the Father is already speaking — hundreds of years early. That is where we start: Heaven did not make this up as it went along. The Father said it first, and everything after it agrees with what He said.

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The Answer to the Student Question

The students were asked: the Father spoke about His Servant hundreds of years before Jesus came — and then He kept His word, exactly as He said it. What does that tell you about God?

Here is the answer I want you to teach, plain and straight: **God is faithful, and God is one.** He does not change His mind between the promise and the coming. What the Father spoke in Isaiah's day, the Son walked out in His day, and the Spirit was upon Him just as the Father said. When Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are never working against each other, and they are never telling two different stories. If God kept a promise that took hundreds of years, He will keep the promise He made to you.

Verse by Verse — Isaiah 42:1

"**Behold my servant, whom I uphold**" — I want to show you something in that first word: *Behold.* The Father is pointing. He wants us to look. And notice — the Servant is upheld by the Father. He does not hold Himself up. When you teach this, make it clear: Jesus did not come on His own authority. The Father sent Him, and the Father stood behind Him.

"**mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth**" — The Servant is chosen — *mine elect* — and the Father delights in Him. Church, hear that word: *delighteth.* The Father was not sorry to send His Son. His soul takes pleasure in Him. This is the Father's heart toward the Son, spoken out loud, on the record, before the Son ever preached a sermon.

"**I have put my spirit upon him**" — Here is the Holy Spirit in this verse. Not added later, not an afterthought — the Father put His Spirit upon the Servant from the start of the promise. When we get to the Baptism, you will see this same promise happen in front of people's eyes. Teach it as one story, because it is one story.

"**he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles**" — Judgment here is God's right order — His truth and His justice going out. And look at where it goes: to the Gentiles. To the nations. This verse is telling us, centuries early, that what God was doing in His Servant was for the whole world, not for one nation only. Nobody listening to you today is outside the reach of this promise.

A Short Preachable Outline

I. **The Father speaks first** — the promise comes before the coming (Isaiah 42:1).
II. **The Father stands behind His Servant** — upheld, chosen, and delighted in.

III. **The Spirit is upon Him** — the Servant's work is the Spirit's work, from the beginning.
IV. **The promise is for the nations** — it goes out to the Gentiles, to the whole world — and God keeps every word of it.

Preaching Lines

> "When Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees — the Father said it centuries early, the Son came and did it, and the Spirit was upon Him to do it."

> "God does not change His mind between the promise and the coming — if He kept His word for hundreds of years, He will keep His word to you."