

# The Response to the Messiah

## Isaiah 42: 10–17

### 1. *God's challenge to those who accepted the Messiah: Demanded a song of praise*

- a. Everyone must sing
  - The sailors and islanders
  - The people who lived in the desert and its towns
  - The few people who lived in the villages of Kedar (Arabia)
  - The mass of people in the city of Sela
- b. Everyone must glorify the LORD and praise Him

### 2. *God's warning to those who rejected the Messiah and stood as God's enemies*

- a. God would go forth and triumph over His enemies
  - He had kept silent and been patient a long time
  - The day for judgment had now come
- b. God would destroy the land of all those who reject the Messiah

### 3. *God's promise to the spiritually blind who confessed the need for the Messiah*

- a. God would lead and guide them
  - Light their path
  - Remove all obstacles
- b. God would not forsake them

### 4. *God's indictment against the idolaters*

- a. They trusted in false gods
- b. They would be turned away – in shame

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song,  
his praise from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea,  
and all that is in it, you islands,  
and all who live in them.

11 Let the wilderness and its towns raise their voices;  
let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice.  
Let the people of Sela sing for joy;  
let them shout from the mountaintops.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD  
and proclaim his praise in the islands.

13 The LORD will march out like a champion,  
like a warrior he will stir up his zeal;  
with a shout he will raise the battle cry  
and will triumph over his enemies.

14 "For a long time I have kept silent,  
I have been quiet and held myself back.  
But now, like a woman in childbirth,  
I cry out, I gasp and pant.

15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.

16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into light before them  
and make the rough places smooth.  
These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.

17 But those who trust in idols,  
who say to images,  
'You are our gods,'  
will be turned back in utter shame.