

- I. The Lord sees earth's *\_people\_*  
as *\_prisoners\_*
- A. He *\_hears\_* their *\_groaning\_*
- B. He *\_sees\_* them sitting in  
*\_darkness\_*
- C. He *\_knows\_* that they are *\_doomed\_*  
to *\_die\_*
- II. So, He *\_called\_* upon His *\_Servant\_*
- A. He made Him a *\_Light\_* to  
the *\_lost\_*
- B. He sent Him to *\_set\_* the  
*\_prisoners\_* free
- III. Now, *\_believers\_* have the *\_keys\_*
- A. We have His *\_mission\_*
- B. We have His *\_Spirit\_*

Isa 30:15; 42:1-4;  
Ps 102:19-22

Ex 2:23-25;  
Ps 79:11; 142:6-7a; 32:3-4;  
Ps 38:8; 94:9; Prov 5:11;  
Isa 19:8; II Cor 5:1-4;  
Rom 8:22

Ps 107:10,14; Isa 49:9;  
Isa 61:1-2; Jude 6;  
Col 1:13

Ps 102:20; Rom 5:12;  
Rom 6:23; 7:23;  
James 1:15; Acts 8:23;  
Gal 3:22; Rom 6:16

Matt 4:16;  
John 8:12; 12:46;  
Acts 26:23; I Pet 2:9;  
John 5:24

Isa 61:1; Luke 4:16-21;  
Ps 68:4-6a; 18a;  
Eph 4:8

Acts 1:1; Matt 16:19

Matt 5:14a;  
II Tim 2:24-26

Isa 42:1; I Cor:19-20;  
II Tim 1:14; Acts 16:22-34

<sup>5</sup> This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> "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, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

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2. Read the two main passages for the sermon: Isaiah 42:5-7 and Psalm 102:19-20. What, from these two passages, is God’s view of earth’s people?
3. The Lord hears the groaning of earth’s prisoners. What kind of things do we as humans “groan” about?
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5. If we as earth’s people, without God’s help, are condemned to die, how did that come about? Who does that include? What kind of death is in view?
6. What did God call upon His Servant to be and to do? How has that been fulfilled in history and by whom?
7. If we are now God’s servants, how does the mission of the Servant of the Lord apply to us?
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