Boldness of the Unforsaken

Isaiah 41:1-20

1.	Invitation to			_God!	(v. 1-7)
	a.	God is	the God of _		
			With specific		
			As the		
	b.	The nations will			
		i.	There is		_
			There is not _		_
2.	Call to	o		God	(v. 8-20)
	a.	Not by	own	(8-10)	
		ii.		by God	
		iii.			
	b.	Not by	own	(1:	1-13)
		ii.	God will hold	your	
	c. Not by		own	(14-16)	
		i.	Redeemer of		!
		ii.	Maker of		_ sledges!
		iii.	Object of		_
	d.	Not by	own	(17	7-20)
		i.	God will	t	he needy
		ii.	God will		supply
		iii.	God will		_ support
		iv.	God will be _		
			For Hi	s	
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Introduction of Themes in Isaiah

Isaiah 41:8 introduces the "servant" theme that will be so prominent in this section of Isaiah. Here God prompts Isaiah to declare that Israel is God's servant. What an amazing statement from the same God who had punished them for disobedience! But as we shall see, Israel is not the only "servant" discussed in the next several chapters.

Isaiah 41:14 introduces the first of 13 uses of the term "Redeemer" in Isaiah. The Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; a reference to both Yahweh and to Christ!

Quote from John Calvin on Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not. The former doctrine having had for its aim that the people should rely on God, the Prophet concludes from the numerous blessings by which the Lord manifested his love, that the people ought not to be afraid. And we ought carefully to observe the reason which he assigns —

"For I am with thee. This is a solid foundation of confidence, and if it be fixed in our minds, we shall be able to stand firm and unshaken against temptations of every kind. In like manner, when we think that God is absent, or doubt whether or not he will be willing to assist us, we are agitated by fear, and tossed about amidst many storms of distrust. But if we stand firm on this foundation, we shall not be overwhelmed by any assaults or tempests. And yet the Prophet does not mean that believers stand so boldly as to be altogether free and void of all fear; but though they are distressed in mind, and in various ways are tempted to distrust, they resist with such steadfastness as to secure the victory. By nature we are timid and full of distrust, but we must correct that vice by this reflection, "God is present with us, and takes care of our salvation.""

Read through the Bible in a year!

Apr 11: I Samuel 17-18; Luke 11:1-28 Apr 15: I Sam 27-29; Lk 13:1-22

Apr 12: I Samuel 19-21; Luke 11:29-54 Apr 16: I Sa 30-31; Lk 13:23-35

Apr 13: I Samuel 22-24; Luke 12:1-31 Apr 17: II Sam 1-2; Luke 14:1-24

Apr 14: I Samuel 25-26; Luke 12:32-59

*** Lord willing, all who complete the reading at the end of the year will be invited to a dinner and celebration at the end of the year!***