

Isaiah 42:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

Analysis

The Servant's ministry is characterized by quiet authority—"He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street." This contrasts with loud, self-promoting religious figures. The Hebrew 'tsa'aq' (cry out) and 'nasa' (lift up) suggest avoiding attention-seeking behavior. Christ fulfilled this perfectly, often commanding silence about His miracles.

Historical Context

Matthew 12:15-21 directly quotes this passage, applying it to Jesus's ministry pattern of humble service without self-promotion, even withdrawing from crowds to avoid premature confrontation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the Servant's quiet, non-confrontational approach challenge modern ministry methods?

2. In what ways are you tempted toward self-promotion rather than quiet faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

2 Timothy 2:24 (Parallel theme): And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

Matthew 11:29 (Parallel theme): Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Luke 17:20 (Parallel theme): And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

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