

Isaiah 42:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Analysis

The Servant's mission includes opening blind eyes, releasing prisoners from dungeons, and freeing those in darkness. These physical descriptions carry spiritual meaning: spiritual blindness, bondage to sin, and darkness of ignorance are overcome through the Servant's work. The Hebrew 'paqach' (open) suggests violent opening of what is sealed shut.

Historical Context

Jesus applied similar language to His mission in Luke 4:18-19, quoting Isaiah 61. His healing of physical blindness demonstrated power to heal spiritual blindness; His release of demoniacs showed power to free spiritual captives.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How has Christ opened your blind eyes to see spiritual reality?
2. Who in your life needs the Servant's ministry of opening eyes and releasing captives?

Interlinear Text

לִפְקֹחַ	עֵינַיִם	עֵוֶר	לְהוֹצִיא	מִמִּסְגֵּר	אֶת יִרְמְיָהוּ
To open	eyes	the blind	to bring out	from the prison	the prisoners
H6491	H5869	H5787	H3318	H4525	H616
בֵּית	כִּי לֹא	וְשָׁבִי	חֹשֶׁךְ:		
house	out of the prison	and them that sit	in darkness		
H1004	H3608	H3427	H2822		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 61:1 (Parallel theme): The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Isaiah 49:9 (Darkness): That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

Isaiah 35:5 (Parallel theme): Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

2 Timothy 2:26 (Parallel theme): And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Matthew 11:5 (Parallel theme): The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Luke 24:45 (Parallel theme): Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Revelation 3:18 (Parallel theme): I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Isaiah 29:18 (Darkness): And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

John 9:39 (Parallel theme): And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

Acts 26:18 (Darkness): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.