

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

Text: Isaiah 49

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THE TESTIMONY OF THE MESSIAH CONCERNING HIS CALLING

Isaiah 49:1-2, 4-5

1. God's calling

- a) Called from His mother's womb Isaiah 49:1b (Cf. Luke 1:31)
- b) Made mention of My name Isaiah 49:1c (Cf. Luke 1:31).

2. God's equipping

- a) He has made my mouth like a sharp sword Isaiah 49:2a
- b) He has hidden Me in the shadow of His hand Isaiah 49:2b
 - i) Protection
 - ii) Kept under He was ready for public ministry
- c) And made Me a polished shaft Isaiah 49:2c

3. God's Mission for the Messiah-Servant

- a) Formed to be God's Servant Isaiah 49:5b
- b) To bring Jacob back to God Isaiah 49:5c
- c) To gather Israel back together Isaiah 49:5d

4. Drawing on God's

- a) Promises
- b) Glory Isaiah 49:5e (Power to do glorious miracles)
- c) Strength Isaiah 49:5f

GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE MESSIAH'S THOUGHTS

Isaiah 49: 6-10

1. His ministry to Israel by itself is "too small" Isaiah 49:6a-c
2. He will have an expanded ministry- to Gentiles Isaiah 49:8d-e
3. He knows that the Messiah-Servant's ministry would not be accepted by all

a) Some would despise Him Isaiah 49:7b

b) Some abhor Him Isaiah 49:7c

4. He gives special assurance

a) Royalty will worship him Isaiah 49:7d

b) The Messiah-Servant is indeed God's Chosen One Isaiah 49:7e

c) He will preserve Him Isaiah 49:8c

d) He will be Covenant to His people Isaiah 49:8d

e) He will restore the earth Isaiah 49:8e

f) He will cause His people to inherit the earth Isaiah 49:8f

g) He will speak with authority to those who are imprisoned Isaiah 49:8g

h) Those who are His flock will be well-looked after Isaiah 49:9-10

Appropriate Response Isaiah 49:11

1. Sing, O heavens

2. Be joyful, O earth

3. Break out in singing, O mountains

4. Reason:

a) The LORD has comforted His people

b) He will show mercy to the afflicted

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 49:1

Listen, O coastlands, to Me,

And take heed, you peoples from afar!

The LORD has called Me from the womb;

From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name