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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Text: Isaiah 45

Title: "For Jacob, My servant's sake"

(I) AN OFT-REPEATED PHRASE- "MY SERVANT"

"But you, Israel, are **My servant**, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend." **Isaiah 41:8**

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD, And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He, Before me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me." Isaiah 43:10

"Yet hear now, O Jacob **My servant**, And Israel whom I have chosen." **Isaiah 44:1**

Remember these, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are **My servant**... O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!" **Isaiah 44:21**

(II) SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TERM "FOR MY SERVANT'S SAKE"

1. Chosen

"My servant... whom I have chosen..." Isaiah 41:8; 43:10; 44:1

2. Chosen to enter into a Deep relationship with God

- a) Man's Part
 - i) A relationship involving knowledge of God
 - "...That you may know...Me..." Isaiah 43:10c
 - ii) A relationship of faith
 - "...That you may...believe Me..." Isaiah 43:10c
 - iii) A relationship of understanding
 - "...And understand that I am He..." Isaiah 43:10
 - iv) A relationship of service
 - "My servant...' Isaiah 41:8; 43:10; 44:1, 22

b) God's Part

i) Promise of His Presence

"Fear not, for I am with you..." Isaiah 41:10a

- ii) Promise of Strength
- "...I will strengthen you..." Isaiah 41:10c
- iii) Promise of help
- "...Yes, I will help you..." Isaiah 41:10d
- iv) Promise of upholding
- "...I will uphold you..." Isaiah 41:10d

(III) RAMIFICATIONS

1. Strong sense of joy

"You shall rejoice in the LORD And glory in the Holy One of Israel." **Isaiah 41:16**

2. Deeper knowledge

"That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it." **Isaiah 41:20**