

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Text: Isaiah 43

Title: "You are My witnesses

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(I) LESSONS FOR WOULD-BE WITNESSES OF GOD

*"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***

1. Chosen to be God's witnesses

*"You are My witnesses...and My servant whom I have chosen..." **Isaiah 43:10a***

2. Challenges to learn the following lessons deeply:-

a) Knowledge

*"That you may know...Me..." **Isaiah 43:10b***

b) Faith

*"That you may...believe Me..." **Isaiah 43:10b***

c) Understanding

*"...And understand that I am He
Before Me there was no God
Nor shall there be after Me." **Isaiah 43:10c***

(II) MINISTRY OF GOD'S WITNESSES

*" 'I, even I, am the LORD,
And besides Me there is no saviour.
I have declared and saved,
I have proclaimed
And there was no foreign god among you;
Therefore you are my witnesses,'
Says the LORD, 'that I am God.' " **Isaiah 43:11-12***

1. Proclamation of Salvation/Saviour

There is but One who can truly save!

*"...besides Me there is no saviour." **Isaiah 43:11***

a) Consistent theology

- b) Consistent truth taught

2. Experience of salvation

"I have declared and saved..." Isaiah 43:12a

- a) Practical experience
- b) Personal experience

(III) YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

1. Promised power of the Holy Spirit

- a) Power from on high
- b) Power from the Holy Spirit of God Himself

2. Program for witnessing

- a) Jerusalem
- b) Judea
- c) Samaria
- d) The end of the earth

(IV) RAMIFICATIONS

1. Call to be witnesses still relevant

2. Challenge to find that power to be effective witnesses for the Lord