Evening Worship Service (25th November 2007) Theme: Behold My Servant Title: In Whom I Will Be Glorified Text: Isaiah 49:3-4 Kenneth Goh

(I) The Making Of A Servant Of God

"...The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me." **Isaiah 49:1-2**

- 1. Context: Special Reference To The Lord Jesus
- 2. Accepting The Calling To Be A Servant
- 3. Appreciating Of Being Chosen As A Servant
- 4. Acknowledging God's Hand In The Cultivation Process Of Being A Servant

(II) The Calling Of A Son To Be A Servant

"And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel...' " **Isaiah 49:3**

- 1. A Son Is Made To Serve
- 2. Israel Is Privileged To Be Called A Son

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son." **Hosea 11:1**

3. Israel Is Also Called A Servant

"And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel...' " **Isaiah 49:3**

(III) The Glory Of God In His Servant

"And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.' " **Isaiah 49:3**

- 1. A Veiled Reference To The Past
- 2. The Offer Of Another Chance

- 3. The Hope Of The Future
- 4. The Design Of God

(IV) A Contrastive Response From Israel

"Then I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain...' " **Isaiah 49:4**

- 1. Israel's Responded Differently From The Messiah
- 2. A Complaining Spirit
- 3. An Unappreciative Spirit

(V) Personal Challenges

- 1. To learn from the example of the Messiah
- 2. To learn to be grateful to be called a servant of God
- 3. To watch out of the dangers of having wrong responses