

COMBINED WORSHIP
"Behold, My Servant"

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"Formed from the womb to be His servant" Isaiah 49:1-7

(I) A PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

1. Calling of God

*"The LORD has called Me from the womb,
From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name" **Isaiah 49:2***

*"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus" **Luke 1:31***

2. Prepared by God

*"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 49:2***

*"So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, 'Is this not Joseph's son?'" **Luke 4:22***

*"And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority" **Luke 4:32***

3. Formed to be a Servant

*"And now the LORD says, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him.
(For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength)" **Isaiah 49:5***

*"You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.
If I then, Your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." **John 13:13-14***

*"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do." **John 17:4***

(II) HONOURING OF THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

1. Salvation's Light to the ends of the earth

*"Indeed, He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant...
I will also give You as a Light to the Gentiles,
That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth" **Isaiah 49:6***

2. A New Covenant through the Messiah-Servant

*"Thus says the LORD:
In an acceptable time I have heard You,
And in the day of salvation I have helped You;
I will preserve You and give You a Covenant to the people,
To restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages..." **Isaiah 49:8***

(III) APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

*"Sing, O heavens!
Be joyful, O earth!
And break out in singing, O mountains!
For the LORD has comforted His people,
And will have mercy on His afflicted" **Isaiah 49:13***

1. Sing to the Lord

2. Be joyful in the Lord