

Text: **Isaiah 49**

Title: **"I WILL GIVE YOU AS A COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE"**

(I) REFLECTIONS OF THE MESSIANIC SERVANT

1. The 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 49:1***

2. The Training program

*"And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword;
In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made me like a polished shaft;
In His quiver He has hidden Me." **Isaiah 49:2***

3. Being a Servant of the Lord

a) Israel

*"And He said to Me,
You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be gloried." **Isaiah 49:3***

Israel failed to glorify God.

b) Jesus

*"And now the LORD says,
Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,
To bring people 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***

Jesus succeeded where Israel failed miserably.

(II) THE GLORY OF THE MESSIANIC SERVANT

1. Not confined to Israel

*"Too small a thing that You should be My Servant" **Isaiah 49:6a***

- a) To raise up the tribes of Jacob
- b) To restore the preserved ones of Israel
- c) The Ministry of Jesus was not confined to Israel

2. The Gentiles are included

*"I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth." **Isaiah 49:6e***

- a) A light to the Gentiles
- b) Salvation to the ends of the earth

3. Chosen by the Lord

- a) Despised by some (**Isaiah 49:7c**)
- b) Abhorred by others (**Isaiah 49:7d**)
- c) Chosen by the Lord (**Isaiah 49:7h**)

4. A Covenant to the people

- a) Preserved (**Isaiah 49:8**)
- b) A covenant to the people (**Isaiah 49:b**)
- c) Restoration of the earth (**Isaiah 49:c**)
- d) Giving of an inheritance (**Isaiah 49:d**)