

## MORNING WORSHIP

21 August 2016

Text: **Isaiah 49**

Title: **“I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD”**

### A SHARP CONTRAST

1. Between Two Servants of God
2. Between Israel and the Messiah

### ISRAEL AS A SERVANT OF THE LORD

1. God's declaration

*“You are My servant, O Israel” Isaiah 49:3*

2. Israel's despair

*“I have laboured in vain  
I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain” Isaiah 49:4*

- a) Discouragement
- b) Disillusionment
- c) Despair

3. Israel's continued despair

*“The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me” Isaiah 49:14*

- a) Darkness of unbelief
- b) Deep and persistent unbelief
- c) Deadly estrangement from the Lord

### THE MESSIAH AS A SERVANT OF THE LORD

1. The Calling of God greatly understood

*“The LORD has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother, He has made mention of My name” Isaiah 49:1*

a) Called

b) Chosen

(Isaiah 49:7)

## 2. The Training of the Lord greatly appreciated

a) He has made My mouth a sharp sword

(Isaiah 49:2a)

b) In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me

(Isaiah 49:2b)

c) And made Me a polished shaft  
In His quiver He has hidden Me

(Isaiah 49:2c)

## 3. The Work of the LORD God comprehended

a) Formed Me to be His Servant

(Isaiah 49:5a)

b) To bring Jacob back to Him

(Isaiah 49:5c)

c) To be a light to the Gentiles

(Isaiah 49:6d)

d) To be God's salvation to the ends of the earth

(Isaiah 49:6e)

## 4. The Promises of God treasured

a) I have heard You

(Isaiah 49:8a)

b) I have helped You

(Isaiah 49:8b)

c) I have preserved You

(Isaiah 49:8c)

d) I give You as a covenant to the people

(Isaiah 49:8d)

## **A WONDERFUL PERSPECTIVE**

### 1. Glorious

*"I shall be glorious in the sight of the LORD" Isaiah 49:5*

### 2. Strength

*"And My God shall be My strength" Isaiah 49:5*