

MORNING WORSHIP

10 March 2019

Text: **Isaiah 49:1-2**

Title: **“The LORD has called Me from the Womb”**

THE TESTIMONY OF THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

1. A public testimony

- a) Listen, O coastlands, to Me (Isaiah 49:1a)
- b) Take heed, you peoples from afar (Isaiah 49:1b)

2. A profound testimony of God’s calling

- a) The LORD has called Me from the womb (Isaiah 49:1c)
- b) From the matrix of My mother (Isaiah 49:1d)
- c) He made mention of My name (Isaiah 49:1e)

3. A testimony of how God prepared Him for ministry

- a) He has made My mouth like a sharp sword (Isaiah 49:2a)
- b) He has hidden Me (Isaiah 49:2b)
 - i) In the shadow of His hand (Isaiah 49:2c)
 - ii) And made Me a polished shaft (Isaiah 49:2d)

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LORD AND HIS MESSIAH

1. Remembering what the LORD said

- a) And now the LORD says (Isaiah 49:5a)
- b) Who formed Me to be His servant (Isaiah 49:5b)
- c) To bring Jacob back to Him (Isaiah 49:5c)
- d) So that Israel is gathered to Him (Isaiah 49:5d)

2. Reflection of Confidence

- a) I shall be glorious in His sight (Isaiah 49:5e)
- b) And My God shall be My strength (Isaiah 49:5f)

ASSURANCE OF WHAT GOD SAID

1. Indeed He says (Isaiah 49:6a)

- a) It is too small a thing that You should be My servant (Isaiah 49:6b)
- b) To raise up the tribes of Jacob (Isaiah 49:6c)
- c) To restore the preserved ones of Israel (Isaiah 49:6d)
- d) I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 49:6e)
- e) That You should be the salvation to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:6f)

2. Confirmation of the glorious status of the Messiah

- a) Thus says the LORD (Isaiah 49:7a)
 - i) The Redeemer of Israel (Isaiah 49:7b)
 - ii) The Holy One (Isaiah 49:7c)

b) To the Messiah

- i) To Him whom man despises (Isaiah 49:7d)
- ii) To Him whom the nation abhors (Isaiah 49:7e)
- iii) To the Servant of the rulers (Isaiah 49:7f)

c) Ultimately, the appropriate response

- i) Kings shall see and arise (Isaiah 49:7g)
- ii) Princes also shall worship (Isaiah 49:7h)

d) Because of:

- i) The LORD is faithful (Isaiah 49:7i)
- ii) The Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 49:7j)
- iii) And He has chosen You (Isaiah 49:7k)

God will faithfully fulfil all that He has promised!