

Isaiah's Servant Song – No. 2

Isaiah 49:1-13

“My Servant” the Messiah

- The “Servant Songs”:
 - The ideal Servant – 42:1-9
 - The Servant redeemer of Israel and the world – 49:1-13
 - The Servant soliloquy – 50:4-9
 - The suffering Servant – 52:13 – 53:12
 - The Servant’s mission and results – 61:1-7
- Our focus today is the Servant redeemer – Isa. 49:1-13

God's Servant Calls

Isaiah 49:1-3

A Call to the World to Listen

- Justified by His position (49:1), preparation (49:2), and person (49:3)
- Position: “called...from the womb” and named by Jehovah – 49:1; 1 Pet. 1:20-21; Mic. 5:2-3; Isa. 9:6
- Preparation: prepared by Jehovah to conquer hearts with His words – 49:2; Rev. 19:15; Heb. 4:12; Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Lk. 2:34-35
- Person: the Servant as Israel will prevail for God’s glory – 49:3

God's Servant's Success and Greater Mission

Isaiah 49:4-7

The Servant's Success

- Though He feels dejected, He entrusts His success to Jehovah – 49:4; Lk. 22:42; 1 Cor. 3:6-7
- The Servant speaks of what Jehovah has told *and* assigned to Him – 49:5-7
 - Jehovah has prepared Him to restore Israel and He will be honored and strengthen in His work– 49:5
 - His mission will be enlarged to also bring light and salvation to the world – 49:6; Jn. 8:12, 31-32
 - Though despised and rejected, the day of victory for His Servant would come – 49:7

Application

- Though we, like the Servant, may feel dejected and rejected, our work assigned by God cannot be evaluated in human, earthly terms.
- Those who faithfully do God's work will never be failures, seeing God will give the victory and strength to prevail for His purposes – Isa. 55:11
- We need to take courage and get to work!

Jehovah's Assurances of Success

Isaiah 49:8-13

Rejected but Successful

- God will support and preserve His Servant, assuring His success as the covenant of God to the world – 49:8-10
 - This covenant mission and success would happen at God's approved time – 49:8; 2 Cor. 6:1-2; Heb. 9:15
 - As God's covenant the Servant would bless His spiritual Israel with *restoration*, *possession* of what has been lost, *liberation* and light, and *transformation* in the new spiritual Israel – 4:8c-10
- The blessed will be drawn from all over the world – 49:11-13; 2 Cor. 1:3-5; Heb. 4:14-16

Conclusion

- The blessings of God's Servant are here and abundant for all who would have them!
- For those in Christ, they have been poured out upon your life since your baptism into Him.
- For those who are lost and desire the blessings in Jesus Christ, are you willing to obey in faith to receive them?
- Will you consider and choose wisely and come to Christ today?