Isaiah "The **Evangelical** Prophet"

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A. The *Calling* of <u>God's Servant</u> (49:1-12)

49 Listen to **Me, O islands**, and pay attention, you **peoples** from **afar. The LORD called Me** from the **womb**;

from the **body** of **My mother He named Me**.

² He has made My mouth like a sharp <u>sword</u>, in the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; and He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver.

³ He said to Me, "You are My Servant, <u>Israel</u>, in Whom I will show My glory."

⁴ But I said, "I have **toiled in vain**, I have spent My strength for **nothing** and **vanity**; yet surely the **justice** *due* to **Me** is with **the LORD**, and **My reward** with **My God**."

⁵ And now says **the LORD**, who **formed Me** from the **womb** to be <u>His Servant</u>, to bring <u>Jacob</u> *back* to **Him**, so that <u>Israel</u> might be *gathered* to **Him** (For I am **honored** in the sight of **the Lord**, and **My God** is **My strength**),

⁶ He says, "It is too *small* a thing that You should be <u>My Servant</u> to raise up the tribes of <u>Jacob</u> and to *restore* the preserved ones of <u>Israel</u>;

I will also make You a light of the nations

so that My <u>salvation</u> may reach to the *end* of the **earth**."

⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One,
To the despised One,

To the **One** *abhorred* by the **nation**, To the **Servant** of rulers,

"Kings will see and arise, princes will also bow down, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

⁸ Thus says the LORD,
"In a favorable time I have answered You,
and in a day of salvation I have helped You;
and I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people,
to restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;

⁹ Saying to those who are **bound**, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

Along the **roads** they will **feed**, and their **pasture** *will be* on all **bare heights**.

10 "They will not hunger or thirst, nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; for He who has compassion on them will lead them and will guide them to springs of water.

¹¹ "I will make all **My mountains** a **road**, and **My highways** will be **raised up**.

¹² "Behold, these will come from afar; and lo, these will come from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim."

Messianic Application: Isaiah 49:1-12 The Servant of God is Jesus the Messiah

A. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God's** *Servant* (49:1), **Jesus** was **called** and **named** while in the **womb** of **His Mother**.

Now in the sixth month the **angel Gabriel** was sent **from God** to a **city** in **Galilee** called **Nazareth**, to a **virgin** engaged to a man whose name was **Joseph**, of the descendants of **David**; and the virgin's name was **Mary**...

The **angel** said to **her**, "Do not be afraid, **Mary**; for **you** have found *favor* with **God**.

And behold, you will **conceive** in **your womb** and **bear a son**, and you shall <u>name Him Jesus</u>. (Luke 1:26-27, 30-31)

...behold, an **angel** of **the Lord** appeared to him (**Joseph**) in a **dream**, saying, "**Joseph**, **son of David**, do **not** be afraid to take **Mary** as your **wife**; for the **Child** who **has been conceived** in her is of the **Holy Spirit**.

She will **bear a Son**; and you shall **call His** *name* <u>Jesus</u>, for **He** will **save His people** from their **sins**." (Matthew 1:20-21)

B. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God's** *Servant* (49:2a), **Jesus** would **manifest** a "**sharp sword**" by the **power** of <u>His Word</u>

But Jesus rebuked him (the unclean demon), saying,
"Be quiet and come out of him!"

And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people,
he came out of him without doing him any harm.

And **amazement** came upon them **all** (the **people**), and they *began* **talking** with one another saying, "What is this **message?** For with **authority** and **power** <u>He commands</u> the **unclean spirits** and they **come out**." (Luke 4:35-36)

¹¹ And I saw **heaven opened**, and behold, a **white horse**, and **He** who sat on it *is* called *Faithful* and **True**, and in **righteousness He** *judges* and *wages war...*

...and His name is called The Word of God...

From <u>His mouth</u> comes a <u>sharp sword</u>, so that with it **He** may *strike down* the **nations**, and **He** will *rule them* with a **rod of iron**;..(Revelation 19:11, 13b, 15a)

C. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God's** *Servant* (49:4), **Jesus' ministry** was **characterized** by both **futility** and **faith**.

He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him...(John 1:10-11)

Jesus answered them (His disciples), "Do you now believe?

Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come,
for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone;

and yet I am **not alone**, because **the Father is** with Me. (John 16:31-32)

D. Just as **we read** tonight regarding **God's** *Servant* (49:5), **Jesus** was *called* to **restore Israel back to God**.

But **He (Jesus)** answered and said, "I was **sent** *only* to the **lost sheep** of the **house of** <u>Israel</u>."(Matthew 15:24)

It is **you (Israel)** who are the **sons** of the **prophets** and of the **covenant** which **God** made with **your fathers**, saying to **Abraham**, 'AND **IN YOUR SEED ALL** THE **FAMILIES** OF THE EARTH SHALL **BE BLESSED.**'

For <u>you first</u>, God raised up His <u>Servant</u> (Jesus) and sent Him to <u>bless you</u> by *turning* every one *of you* from your wicked ways."(Acts 3:25-26)

E. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God's Servant** (49:6), **Jesus** was made a "**light**" to the **nations**, and **brought God's salvation** to the "**end of the earth**."

,..then he (Simeon) took Him (Jesus) into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

"Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace...

For my eyes have seen Your salvation,...

A <u>LIGHT</u> OF REVELATION TO THE <u>GENTILES</u>, and the **glory** of **Your people** <u>Israel</u>." (Luke 2:28-30, 32)

F. Just as **we read** tonight regarding **God's** *Servant* (49:7), **Jesus** was **despised** and a "**Servant** of rulers," but **has**, and will **continue** to **receive** both **honor** and **homage** from **kings** and **princes**.

"but (Jesus) emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,... Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

For this reason also, **God highly exalted Him**, and **bestowed on Him** the **name** which is **above every name**, so that at the **name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are **in heaven** and **on earth** and **under** the **earth**,

and that **every tongue** will **confess** that **Jesus Messiah is Lord**, to the **glory of God the Father**. (Philippians 2:8-11)

G. Just as was **bestowed** upon **God's** *Servant* (49:8), **Jesus** was

given for a "covenant" of the people (Israel).

And when **He (Jesus)** had taken **a cup** and **given thanks**, **He gave** *it* to **them (His disciples)**, saying, "**Drink** from it, all of you; for this is **My blood** of the **covenant**, which is **poured out** for **many** for *forgiveness* of sins. (Matthew 26:27-28)