

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Isaiah 49:4-7 - The Servant's Reward**

In this chapter we see Jesus in a marvelous way. In verse four, the servant who is spoken of here sighs. You see, even though God has called his servant, yet things are not easy. This is wonderfully prophetic, of course, of the way things were for Jesus, for almost all of His public ministry. Oh, yes, for a time He was wildly popular. Yet quickly enough, the vast crowds abandoned Him when His words got too difficult for them (John 6:60-71). How often are we despondent? We work for God. We think, we hope, that we shall see some amazing things happening, and nothing much happens. As we fear that our life is wasted and we are forsaken, the first thing to remember is that our Jesus knows. He knows our weakness and our temptation. And note, too, that the servant, though all seemingly was against Him, went on and persevered in what He knew God's calling was. He was being faithful. The servant here in verse 4 looks to the promises of God found in God's Word. And there He takes hope as He trusts in the promises of His God, and in the God of those promises.

In verse five we see the servant's first reward. It is to return the Israel of God to saving faith. What a reward that He should be able to deliver His people loved by Him from all eternity! There would be a wider and more glorious reward for the servant's glorious Person and faithful Work. We see that in verses 6-7. This servant is to be the light of the world, as John would later call Him. We read in John that the darkness cannot triumph over or even comprehend the light. Now it's true that He is called here, the One Whom man despises in verse seven, the One Whom the nation abhors. Isaiah will take this up more fully several chapters later in chapter 53. But though He is not thought of as much by His own people, He is brought to be the one before whom all bow down. We do not yet see all the nations yielded to the Servant such as is promised here in verse seven. A day yet awaits when kings shall bow in their office as king. Nations shall be yielded to Messiah, the Prince, God's servant. And His reward shall be great again. Even the kingdom of Satan shall fall before Him, not in conversion like these nations, but in conquest, just as we see from Jesus' own words in Matthew 16: "I will build my church and the gates of hell, shall not prevail against it." The darkness shall not triumph, and all that brings us to sigh shall come to an end. The servant is receiving His reward, and all shall be His, and in Him all shall be ours.

### **Question**

1. What is the servant's reward?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the triumph of the gospel through all the nations.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; you walls are continually before me. Isaiah 49:16

**Praise: Psalm 125 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Isaiah 49:8-9a - The Strong Deliverer**

First, we must note that here again we have a direct word from Jehovah. He is the God of Covenant, Who has taken a people to Himself from eternity. He is theirs, and they are His. In eternity past He determined to save His people.

As we saw in verse 4, the Servant sighed about His apparent failure, saying so in the ears of His Father. The Father now assures Him that He has heard Him. Just as promised, the Father helped and preserved Him - at the Upper Room, at Gethsemane, in betrayal, in abandonment, in trial, in torment, in crucifixion, in curse, and in death. He was helped and raised, and has ascended to bring about deliverance! The God of Covenant has made Jesus the Covenant for the people. He lived to fulfill the Covenant of Grace, He died to fulfill the Covenant of Grace, and was raised in reward for fulfilling the Covenant of Grace. In our place He did it all. He did it all for us, in our place, fulfilling all the terms of the Covenant of Works that Adam failed to do, so that the Covenant of Grace was secured and all its terms established. The benefits are for His people; for those of Israel and for those of the nations!

Those in sin are prisoners! They may think themselves free - free livers, free lovers, free thinkers they have called themselves. Yet they are enslaved to their passions, enslaved to their prejudices, enslaved to their pride. They may stay away from what they and others think of as coarse or low sin, but they continue on in their sin of choice. All they do is bring about a transfer from one cell to another in the prison of sin. Just as Jesus called Lazarus forth from the grave, so He now calls out the spiritually dead sinner from the prison of his sin. Do you sense your death? Has it finally come to you? Do you find yourself helpless and bound? Do you hear Him? Is He calling you? Come forth! Come forth into the Light! It's not merely a deliverance from sin, from death, and from darkness, but a deliverance to forgiveness, to new life, and to Him Who is the light of men.

## **Questions**

1. What has Christ done for us?
2. How is sin like a prison?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; you walls are continually before me. Isaiah 49:16

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## **Wednesday - Isaiah 49:9b-12 - The Way Home**

In the second half of verse nine, and in verse ten, we see these who have been told to go forth and show themselves - they are fed in the way. When the people were led forth from Egypt long before Isaiah's day, God faithfully provided for them. It would be that way as they returned from Babylon. But again, here God is moving Isaiah to look to a far greater deliverance, from a far, far greater foe, and to a much more wonderful home-going. Thus, in the first part of verse nine we'd seen the prisoners of sin, and of darkness, and death led forth from the grave, from their captivity, and to the way. We must remember that it's not a way that is always easy. We see that they must cross mountains. Jesus told His disciples that they would have persecution, difficulty in the world, and many afflictions. But all the way He provides for them. The heat and the glare of the judgment of God is kept from them by Him who is the rock of shelter and the shield. The wonderful thing for those who are traveling in the way and those who are being fed on the way is that the One Who leads them has mercy upon them. We read that in verse ten. He does not treat them as their sins deserve. The One Who leads them has already satisfied all judgment. The good shepherd is the One Who provides for them, Who gives them life, Who gives them refreshment, Who gives them cleansing from sin, and the gift of His Holy Spirit.

The way is made clear as we read in verse eleven. There are spiritual mountains, spiritual difficulties, spiritual things that daunt the believer. But Jesus takes and makes a straight highway through them. The leader here, in His grace and infinite kindness, provides the raised highway. It is easily seen. It is the smooth and unerring way in Christ which leads on to the Celestial City.

Those who travel this way shall come from afar. With this highway that Jesus makes, there is only one way. People can get on at different places, but as they stay on it and only on it, do they arrive at the Celestial City. Peoples from all over the world shall be coming onto this way of holiness. This way leads home. This is the only way to get home. This way is the way established by Him Who is the Way, the Lord Jesus Christ, to take us to our heavenly Father, with Whom we will dwell forevermore.

### **Questions**

1. What do these verses tell us about the way to heaven?
2. Is there more than one way to heaven?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for the way Christ has provided.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## Thursday - Isaiah 49:13-23 - The Family of God Restored

We see the true Israel of God, or as she is known nowadays, the church, raised up from the ashes in verses 13. Verse 13 is celebrating what God had promised in the first half of this chapter. It does make us joy that our God, through His Saviour, is redeeming the world. It is a joyful thing! Over the next couple hundred years from Isaiah's day the remnant of God would see sad things. And they would say, or at least be tempted to say in their hearts, what we have here in verse 14. She has doubts that God is willing to do anything for her, and she fears that there is no hope. How familiar does this sound to you? She does not yet know her beloved as well as she should, or she would not ask that question. Nor do you and I, when we ask. Our Jesus never, never forsakes us. His love for us continues ever and always, and His care never ceases. Just as a man sees his wife, and he delights in her face and in her form, and she is beautiful to him -- so it is that Jesus looks upon His bride and looks upon every one of you who are His, that is, a member of His bride. You are written on His hands.

We go on to read now in verses 17 through 21 of the return of Jerusalem's children. In a way, the church here, the bride of Christ, is bereaved of children. It is only a remnant, you see. And those who returned from exile in Babylon were pretty few in number. But God is saying that a time is coming when Jerusalem, when the church, will be filled. In verses 19-21 the church is dumbfounded. Where did these come from? All these children round about her saying, "We're out of room." That which is barren and desolate is made fruitful. This is looking to the desolation and barrenness of the nations in idolatry and darkness, being brought to spiritual fruitfulness through Christ.

Where did these children come from? That's what we see in the last two verses. You are living fulfilment of this prophecy! In the covenant of grace God has saved to Himself a vast number of people. They come from all over the world and they flock to God's standard. Who is God's standard? It is Jesus. And to Him all are called upon to look. But it's not just that people come. We see here, interestingly enough, that they're brought along. It's like little children, too tiny to walk. But they are borne along here not by their own parents, but by kings and queens, because the powerful ones of the earth, don't come merely as new believers, but as leading their peoples with them.

### Question

1. What are the promises of these verses?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ will never forsake His people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; you walls are continually before me. Isaiah 49:16

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## Friday - Isaiah 49:23 - Not Ashamed

Today we will look at one clause in one verse - that last clause in verse 23. This clause here implies its opposite. The opposite is this: they shall be ashamed who wait for someone else or something else. There is such a thing as misplaced trust. That is, trusting in somebody or something you shouldn't have. You end up shamed.

We are all born into this world with a created longing for God. But on the other hand, since Adam ate the forbidden fruit, at the same time, we have a hatred and terror of Him. We, left to ourselves, always seek some way to satisfy our longing without having to deal with Him Whom we have offended. There are many things we will look to for happiness, to make us feel important and good about ourselves. What are some things that people trust in to make them happy, to make them fulfilled, to make them feel right about themselves, but which will bring them to shame? Some trust in pleasure which can end up destroying their bodies and their lives. Some trust in power, fame, riches, or military strength. And this isn't just individuals - it can be societies, and families, and nations, even the church. Some construct wondrous philosophical structures. They think that they might command the minds of men and bring forth a better world. Their systems come crashing down when they are confronted with man's fallenness. Some start a false religion and trust in that, but in the end it will always fail them as well.

Trust in the living God through Jesus Christ will leave a person, a family, the church, a culture, a nation without shame. God cares for our every single need. He never abandons, nor does He forsake us. He works out all things for our good. He leads us along and continues to use us for His glory. Often God gives kindly and lavishly. But there are blessings beyond our physical, bodily existence that God takes care of as well. We have forgiveness of sin. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have increasing holiness as the Spirit works in us. We have the promise of sinlessness in eternity to come. And we have the promise of the resurrection of our bodies. We who by His grace have been able to look to Jesus, to put our trust in the living God, and to wait for Him and on Him, find that there is no shame. There is no shame whatsoever, but only glory.

### Questions

1. What kind of things do people trust in instead of God?
2. What promises do we have in Christ?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that we will never be ashamed of trusting in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; you walls are continually before me. Isaiah 49:16

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## **Saturday - Isaiah 49:24-26 - Looting the Strong**

In verse 24 we see a reasonable question. It summarises the questions and almost incredulity of believers then in Isaiah's day, and in our own, when they and we look "realistically" at all those ranged against King Jesus and His people. Constantly they, and we, are tempted to think that there is no hope, and all is lost. Judah, in Isaiah's day, had just barely escaped from the Assyrian flood, and the cultural rot of Manasseh's day was not far away. Isaiah had looked ahead to worse days, and had prophesied of the coming of Babylon. Who could stop it? Who could rescue the captives? All along Isaiah has been looking ahead to the day of Christ. Here is where there is hope for Isaiah, believers in his day, and believers in our own day. Our greatest enemy and strongest foe is sin. And he, who is far more clever, strong, and cruel than any man, is Satan, made more wicked than any other by sin. He is described as a roaring lion, seeking to devour. Yet, Jesus Himself declares that He loots the strong man in Matthew 12:29 and Luke 11:21-22. The roaring lion is devoured by the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who is also the Lamb of God (Revelation 5:5-6).

In verse 25 we see Christ's people saved. We cannot ever deliver ourselves from Satan, let alone sin. We are his captives due to our own sin, which holds to us with a grip of death! But see that there is hope, for Jehovah declares that there will be deliverance for His people, and it comes through His Messiah, Who reigns over all. Whatever it is that assails us, assails the Church, is doomed to fall by the promise of God to His Son and to His people through His Son.

In verse 26 we see Christ's enemies destroyed. Satan, who held all captive is, himself, destroyed, along with all his plots and schemes, while death itself dies and sin is vanquished, never to appear again. Those moved by Satan shall be destroyed, too, either by conversion or by conquest. It shall be by the sword of the Word (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12) or by the sword of Christ's mouth (Rev. 1:16; 2:16; 19:15). They shall have a sort of anti-sacrament, sealing them to death and destruction, by their own broken bodies and shed blood. It is then that all shall know Jehovah and His Mediatorial King, by salvation or by subjection, and Christ shall be exalted.

### **Questions**

1. What questions are being asked?
2. What promises do we have?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**Praise: Psalm 130 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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