



Series: Christmas 2025

Passage: Isaiah 49: 1-13

Title: The Servant Songs, Part 2

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Discussion Starter – What conflicting characteristics of God prevent Him from simply declaring our sin forgiven? How is this tension resolved? Review Psalm 85.

Read Isaiah 49:1-7

1. Who is speaking in verse 1? To whom is He speaking? Who is the “He” in verse 2?
2. Why is the virgin birth of the Messiah critical and necessary to the Christian faith, leading to salvation?
3. Discuss the four necessary characteristics that were given in the message that must be met by a qualified Messiah/Savior? Why is each characteristic important? (Human, virgin born, sinless life, and willingly suffer the punishment for our sin)
4. How did the Lord present the Servant to the nations, (verse 1)? What is The Servant’s primary tool to accomplish His purpose? (verse 2)
 - a. Do you graciously employ God’s Word to confront and correct the falsehoods of our society, as we see Jesus doing in the Gospels? What other tactics or schemes of your own devices have you used that have proven to be ineffective?
5. How does the Servant rate the success of His mission in verse 4? How does the Lord rate it, verses 5-7?
 - b. How did Jesus, poor in spirit, mourning, and meek, seemingly having spent His life in vain, rise to be considered the most admired human in all of history? By what logic or value system does humble submission result in exaltation to power and influence?
6. Is the success of Jesus’ mission evident in the world today? How? In whom?

Read Isaiah 49:8-13

7. What will happen at the ‘acceptable time’? When will this time come to be? (Romans 11:25-29)
8. What characteristics are given that describe a “restored earth” in these verses?
 - c. What benefit do you find in reading this 2700-year-old text, with its claims and promises?

Read Isaiah 49:14-18

9. Israel rejected the Servant and claims that the Lord has rejected her. Is this accurate? What is God’s response?
10. How does God further respond to their realistic observation of their current situation? Does He place blame for their failings?
 - d. How is God’s grace revealed in His words of comfort throughout the remainder of this chapter? Do you experience this level of grace from Him?