



Isaiah 49
Isaiah: For the Wonderer

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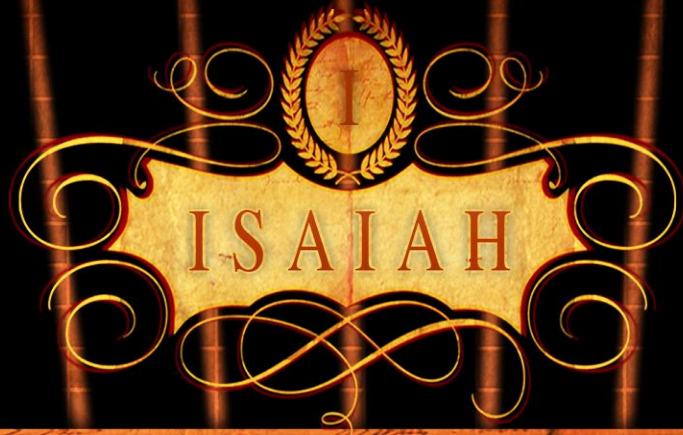
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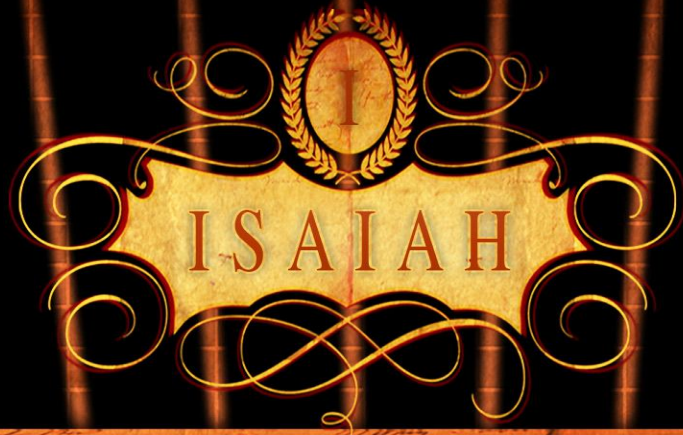
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- this text is about Christ, the Messiah
- as we turn to the Bible for our purpose, it consistently points us to Christ
 - is the purpose of life to get to know Christ?



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Isaiah 49:1 ~ 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.



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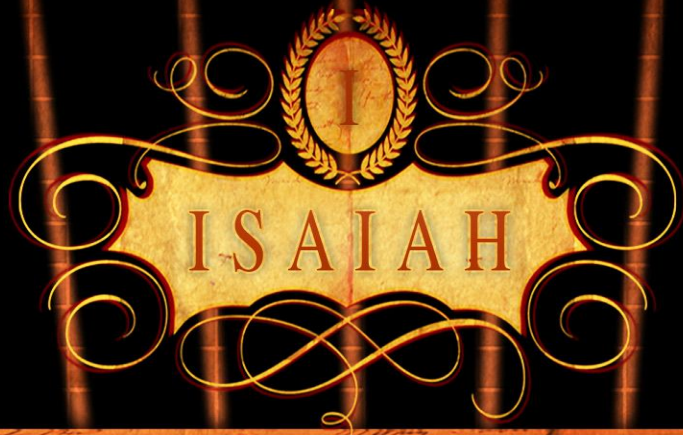
- when does God's plan for you begin?
 - before birth...at conception...before!
- not just a plan; an intimate calling



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Isaiah 49:2~3

He has made My mouth like a sharp sword,
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.
He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel,
In Whom I will [b]show My glory.”



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- the Word cuts and reveals, like a sword
- a polished arrow flies straighter and penetrates deeper
 - Christ cuts and reveals and removes and pierces and attacks our hard conscience
- it is God's purpose for us that we would continue this work



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- hidden in his quiver= waiting; sometimes, for years
- waiting does not mean uselessness or lack of purpose
- when you are waiting, God is keeping you for the perfect time and target to shoot you at!
- there are many things worth waiting for.....

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Isaiah 49:5-7

And now says the Lord, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the Lord, And My God is My strength), He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”



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Thus 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.”



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- God has a purpose for all people everywhere
- when we live out his purposes, the world often rejects us
- his purposes for us aren't failing when we suffer pain or loss
 - will we seek and do his purposes then?



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Isaiah 49:8-13

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; Saying to those who are bound, ‘Go forth,’ To those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’”



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Along the roads they will feed, And their pasture will be on all bare heights. “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. “I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways will be raised up. “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.” Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.



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- when its the right time and all is ready...
 - ...then God will reveal the next step in your purpose
 - and he will hear, help, preserve and give
- heat and sun can't deter God's purpose for you~
and neither can mountains
- what looks like a mountain?
 - it is God's!
 - and he'll make it a highway to his purposes



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Isaiah 49:14~16

But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, And the Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. “Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.



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- how committed is God to bring you into his purposes for you?
 - like a mother to a child
 - he's tattooed your name on his hand...in the shape of a scar!
- how committed is God to seeing his purposes come true for you?
 - the cross and the resurrection!
 - he looks at his hands and sees us!



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Isaiah 49:23

“Kings will be your guardians, and their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am the Lord; Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.



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- when you wait on God, his purposes, and submit to them, you have no shame
 - are you giving your life to some purpose that will bring your shame?
 - False, Secret, Toxic, Vicarious
- God will not put our waiting to shame



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- why does God make these promises, and seal it with one that hasn't been fulfilled in 2800 years?
 - because its a lifelong/eternal commitment to his purposes in us
 - like the husband who commits to sickness and death

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- God is committed to us!
 - he is committed to showing me his great purpose for me within his purposes!
- we are often too near-sighted to comprehend God's all-encompassing plan



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- what is sure about God's purpose for my life?
 - it will change you forever
 - it will expand God's Kingdom (the Gospel)
 - it will lead to happiness and fulfillment
 - it is worth finding and fighting for



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1 Peter 4:1~2

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.