

Questions

1. The word *servant* has different meanings in many cultures. If you're a believer in Jesus Christ, do you understand it be a name of honor? Some verses to consider: Matthew 20:28; First Corinthians 6:19; Philippians 2:3-8
2. Read Isaiah 48:20-22. It foretells the release of the Jews from decades of captivity in Babylon. But how and why is their celebration muted?
3. How does Isaiah 49:1-2 describe the Word of God? Do you study God's Word and meditate on it and use it in conversations with people who need the saving work of Christ?
4. What does it mean to glorify the Lord? What are some ways that you regularly seek to glorify Him?
5. Andrew Davis calls Isaiah 49 "one of the greatest missionary chapters of the Bible." Do you see it that way? Why or why not? How does it challenge you to be fulfilling Christ's Great Commission?
6. What are some other verses that exhort us – as Isaiah 49:8 does – to seek the Lord's help? What do you find yourself crying out to Him for?
7. Consider meditating on and memorizing Isaiah 49:13 this week. Bring it into your prayer life. Make it a statement of your daily praise to the Lord.

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The Servant's Heart

Isaiah 49:1-13

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From Isaiah 41 through 53, there are 20 references to one who is uniquely identified as the Lord's servant. With the benefit of the New Testament, we know this servant to be Jesus Christ. In Isaiah 49:1-13 we see six qualities of the ministry of the Lord's Servant, and from these we can learn how better to live as servants of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 48:22, with its solemn warning of no peace for the wicked, lays the groundwork for Isaiah 49. Though the people are freed from captivity, their greatest obstacle remains: They cannot be reconciled to the Lord unless atonement is made for their sin. They need a message of good news and forgiveness.

Six Qualities of the Servant's Ministry:

1. The Lord's Servant Speaks (49:1-2)

2. The Lord's Servant Glorifies God (49:3)

3. The Lord's Servant Trusts When Tested (49:4)

4. The Lord's Servant Knows His Calling (49:5-6)

5. The Lord's Servant Seeks the Lord and Receives Help (49:8)

6. The Lord's Servant Urges Sinners to His Light (49:9-12)