

The Saviour's Mission to the World: Being Eternally Called to Reach the World for God Isaiah 49:01–50:11

1. *The Saviour's ninefold mission to the unbelievers of the world: Reaching everyone for God*

- a. He was called to be God's Servant (v. 4), His very special messenger to the world
- b. He was called to proclaim the Word of God: To send it forth like an arrow, (convicting) people for their own good
- c. He was called to be God's Servant, the new Israel
- d. He was called to live a life of total trust in God
 - 1) He had meagre results Jn. 1:11
 - 2) He cast himself and the results totally upon God
- e. He was called to redeem and return Israel back to God
 - 1) God strengthened him
 - 2) God greatly honoured him by enlarging his mission
- f. He was called to be a light to the Gentiles
 - 1) To be the Saviour
 - 2) To bring salvation to all the earth
- g. He was called to suffer, to be despised and rejected by people, 53:3-7; Mark 15:1-41; John 1:9-11

- 1 Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb
he has spoken my name.
- 2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
- 3 He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will display my splendour."
- 4 But I said, "I have laboured in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
- 5 And now the LORD says —
he who formed me in the womb
to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself, for
I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength —
- 6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you
to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth."
- 7 This is what the LORD says —
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel —
to him who was despised and abhorred
by the nation, to the servant of rulers:

<p>h. He was called to be exalted and honoured by the rulers: To be exalted as LORD by God, 45:24; 52:15; Phil 2:10-11</p> <p>i. He was called to be God's covenant for the people: To be God's pledge that God would fulfil His promises</p> <p>1) The promise to restore the land (earth) and to assign God's inheritance to His people</p> <p>2) The promise to set the people free from captivity and darkness</p> <p>3) The promise to guide and protect His people, Mal 6:33</p> <p>4) The promise to remove all obstacles and to guide His people back to the promised land: Gather them from the north, west and south</p> <p>5) The promise to comfort His people and to have mercy on them in their afflictions</p> <p>2. The Saviour's threefold mission to the discouraged: Reaching all who feel forsaken, forgotten</p> <p>a. His mission of revealing God's love: Compared to a loving mother</p> <p>1) God would not forget His people</p>	<p>"Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."</p> <p>8 This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favour I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,</p> <p>9 to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!' "They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill.</p> <p>10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.</p> <p>11 I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up.</p> <p>12 See, they will come from afar — some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan. "</p> <p>13 Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.</p> <p>14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the LORD has forgotten me."</p> <p>15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were engraved on His hands • They and Jerusalem's walls were ever before Him <p>2) God would cause His people's descendants to return and their enemies to flee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The return to the promised land: Guaranteed by the LORD's oath • The returning people would be a spectacular sight • The returning people would overflow the land: The land would be too small for the influx of returnees, and more space would be needed for them to live in • The number of returnees would be surprising, totally unexpected: Because so many had been lost due to their captivity and exile <p>3) God would arouse the nations to release and return His people to the promised land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nations would transport the returning captives • The leaders would subject themselves to Zion <p>4) God would prove two great truths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That He alone is the LORD • That those who hope in Him will not be ashamed 	<p>16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.</p> <p>17 Your children hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you.</p> <p>18 Lift up your eyes and look around; all your children gather and come to you. As surely as I live," declares the LORD, "you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride.</p> <p>19 "Though you were ruined and made desolate and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away.</p> <p>20 The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing, 'This place is too small for us; give us more space to live in.'</p> <p>21 Then you will say in your heart, 'Who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these — where have they come from?' "</p> <p>22 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips.</p> <p>23 Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed."</p>
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<p>b. His mission of revealing God's power to deliver His people: Compared to the strength of a mighty warrior</p> <p>1) He would free, save His people from their captors</p> <p>2) He would cause the oppressors to turn against one another</p> <p>3) He would prove the most basic truths in all the universe: That He is...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LORD • Your Saviour and Redeemer • The Mighty One of Jacob <p>c. His mission of redeeming His people by paying the ransom: Compared to the love of a forgiving husband</p> <p>1) He had not divorced or sold them to creditors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had left him and been sold because of their sin • They had not responded when he continually came and called them to return to Him <p>2) He always had the power to redeem (deliver) them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just as He dried up the Red Sea and the Jordan River • Just as He darkened the sky in the plagues of Egypt <p>3. <i>The Saviour's mission to the weary: Reaching out to all who are in bondage to sin and death</i></p> <p>a. His mission to preach to the weary</p> <p>1) He was taught by God</p>	<p>24 Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives be rescued from the fierce?</p> <p>25 But this is what the LORD says: “Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.</p> <p>26 I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh; they will be drunk on their own blood, as with wine. Then all mankind will know that I, the LORD, am your Saviour, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 50</p> <p>1 This is what the LORD says: “Where is your mother's certificate of divorce with which I sent her away? Or to which of my creditors did I sell you? Because of your sins you were sold; because of your transgressions your mother was sent away.</p> <p>2 When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst.</p> <p>3 I clothe the heavens with darkness and make sackcloth its covering.”</p> <p>4 The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.</p>
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<p>2) He was not rebellious, turning His ear away from God's instructions</p> <p>b. His mission to suffer for the weary</p> <p>1) His sufferings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was beaten, scourged • Was mocked and spat upon <p>2) His obedience and steadfastness: Set His face like a stone to suffer death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was helped by God • Was not shamed <p>3) His vindication by God: No one dared to charge or accuse Him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because God justified Him: Knew that He was just, righteous, sinless • Because God helped Him • Because all accusers would be like garments that fell apart due to age or being eaten by moths <p>4. <i>The Saviour's specific mission to the whole human race: To warn each person to fear the LORD and obey the Saviour</i></p> <p>a. The person who walks in darkness: Must trust the LORD and persevere in Him</p> <p>b. The person who is self-sufficient and self-reliant (who walks by his own light): Will lie down in awful torment</p>	<p>5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.</p> <p>6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.</p> <p>7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.</p> <p>8 He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!</p> <p>9 It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.</p> <p>10 Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God.</p> <p>11 But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment.</p>
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