

Jesus, The True Israel of God

Isa 49:1-3 "Listen, O coastlands, to Me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The Lord has called Me from the womb; from the womb of My mother He has made mention of My name. And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; in His quiver He has hidden Me." And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

Our Lord in this passage has called upon all the peoples of the earth to hear Him. We have seen here that clear proclamation that the Kingdom of God will cover the earth. We also have noted that at the very conception of this Elect Servant of God His purpose and mission would be proclaimed by the names or titles given at His birth. That He would both be a polished arrow, that is the chosen arrow, one without blemish and one who would be able to accomplish that for which He had been sent, and finally He was that sword, that Word of God, that Gospel message that would go forth conquering. This morning we shall see two things, First, that as that polished arrow this Servant shall be secure and kept by God, and secondly that this Servant will be that True Israel of God in whom God will be glorified.

A. The Servant will be protected by the Father - In His quiver He has hidden Me."

1. We learn of the close relationship the Lord has with his Servant, from the bosom of the Father

*John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, **who is in the bosom of the Father**, He has declared Him.*

John 12:45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

Heb 1:3 ". . . being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person."

2. We also understand that Christ was reserved for this special purpose from all eternity

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

3. We learn from this that God will protect Christ and His doctrine

- a. This is necessary because as soon as the mouth of Christ is opened, that is, as soon as his Gospel is preached, many adversaries will rise up on all sides
- b. Powerful enemies will league together purposing to crush this Kingdom of God upon the earth

Ps 2:2 And the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed

4. Kept in such a manner that nothing can stop His purpose

- a. The very gates of hell cannot hinder our Lord's kingdom

*Matt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and **the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.***

- b. No weapon shall prosper against our Lord, His teaching, or those who faithfully minister in His name

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," says the Lord.

5. It speaks of the protection by God of the doctrine and gospel of Jesus

- a. It will accomplish that for which it has been sent forth

Isa 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

- b. The church does not need gimmicks and entertainment, it needs simply to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ – power of God unto salvation
- c. The ministry of the church does not change with the culture of the day, it remains firm and steadfast, “Preach the Word”.
- d. God will protect, defend and bless faithful preaching
- e. He will keep all His servants in His quiver of protection
- f. Because the church with her Savior is safely kept in the quiver of God, therefore it is and will always be victorious
- g. There in is the security of God’s people and God’s church
- h. Truly how firm a foundation we have in Christ

B. Christ, the Israel of God - *And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'*

1. There is no need to question why Jesus here is called Israel
 - a. Israel was the name God gave Jacob after he wrestled with God petitioning to be blessed
 - b. It carries with it two meanings
 - (1) One who wrestles with God
 - (2) One who rules or reigns with God
2. Christ as the Israel of God intercedes for us before the Father
3. Christ as Lord of all, reigns at the right hand of the Father on high
4. Jacob was called Israel, in that through his descendants would come that one who is called **the Seed** of Abraham
 - a. But since the earthly Israel has failed, our hope can only be in that one who is the true Israel of God
 - b. That is, not in the descendants of Abraham would our victory be won, but in that one who is without question, the true Israel of God

Gal 3:16-17 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

5. As God blessed Jacob, in a more glorious manner He has blessed this true Israel

Ps 2:7-8 "I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Herein is our victory this morning - 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

Our Lord is glorified with the glory which He had with the Father before the world was

*John 17:4-5 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, **glorify Me together with Yourself**, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

Our God is now glorified in Christ before the whole world as the Redeemer of God’s elect

John 17:10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

Therefore, on that great day when we shall reign with Christ eternally, God will be glorified in His Elect One and we in Him

Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — **heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may **also be glorified together**.