

Isaiah 41:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

Analysis

God's choice extends to the ends of the earth ('chief men' is better 'corners/extremities'), calling Israel from remote places. The threefold declaration—"I have chosen thee," 'not cast thee away,' and naming as 'my servant'—provides powerful assurance. The Hebrew 'ma'as' (cast away/rejected) is negated, promising permanent election.

Historical Context

Though geographically scattered and politically subjugated, Israel remains God's chosen people. Distance and displacement cannot nullify God's electing love, providing hope to exiles feeling abandoned.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise never to cast you away address your fears of abandonment?
2. In what ways does God's calling reach you even in your 'far off' or remote spiritual condition?

Interlinear Text

בָּאָדָם מִקֶּצֶת יְמִינָה וּמִקֶּצֶת יְמִינָה
H834 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth

לְבָנָה וְאֶמְאָדָל יְהִי קָרְאָת יְמִינָה וּמִמְּאָדָל יְמִינָה
H678 thee from the chief men and called thereof and said

עַבְדִּי אֶל אֶל בְּנִירָת יְמִינָה אֶל פְּתָה
H5650 unto thee Thou art my servant I have chosen H3808

מְאֹסְתִּיכְנָה
thee and not cast thee away
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Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 12:22 (Parallel theme): For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

Psalms 94:14 (Parallel theme): For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

Revelation 5:9 (Parallel theme): And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

James 2:5 (Parallel theme): Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

Isaiah 41:8 (Parallel theme): But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

Isaiah 41:2 (Parallel theme): Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

Luke 13:29 (Parallel theme): And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

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