

Isaiah 49:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

Analysis

The Servant's mission 'to bring Jacob again to him' and 'that Israel be gathered unto him' reveals His role as Israel's restorer. The parenthetical 'Yet I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD' demonstrates that the Servant finds worth in God's approval regardless of Israel's response. The double mention of divine strength ('my God shall be my strength') emphasizes total dependence on divine enabling for impossible mission.

Historical Context

This restoration involves both physical return from exile and spiritual regeneration of Israel. Romans 11:26 ('all Israel shall be saved') awaits this Servant's final gathering ministry at Christ's return. His present glorification 'in the eyes of the LORD' anticipates Philippians 2:9-11.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ serve as ultimate gatherer and restorer of scattered, rebellious people?
2. What does it mean to find sufficiency in being 'glorious in the eyes of the LORD' alone?

Interlinear Text

וְעַתָּה הִיא	אָמַר	יְהוָה	יּוֹצֵר י	מִבֶּטֶן	
H6258	And now saith	of the LORD	that formed	me from the womb	
	H559	H3068	H3335	H990	
לְעַבְדּוֹ	לֵאמֹר	לְשׁוּבָה	אֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵא
to be his servant	H0	again	Jacob	to him Though Israel	H3808
H5650		H7725	H3290	H3478	
וְאֵסֶף	וְאֶגְדֹּל	בְּעֵינֵי	יְהוָה	וְאֵלֹהֵי	
be not gathered	yet shall I be glorious	in the eyes	of the LORD	and my God	
H622	H3513	H5869	H3068	H430	
הִיא	עֲזָרָתִי				
H1961	shall be my strength				
	H5797				

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 17:5 (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

John 3:35 (Parallel theme): The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

1 Peter 3:22 (References God): Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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