

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

Psalm 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

מִבְּטָן אֹם רֵא וְעַתָּה הִיא
H6258 And now saith of the LORD that formed me from the womb
H559 H3068 H3335 H990

לֹא יִשְׁכַּא לְשׁוֹבֵב לְזַעַקְבָּב אֶל יְהִי יִשְׁעָה לְעֵד
to be his servant H0 again Jacob H413 to him Though Israel H3808
H5650 H7725 H3290 H3478

וְאַלְפָם יְאַסֵּף אֶת־בְּנֵי־הָרָא
be not gathered yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD and my God
H622 H3513 H5869 H3068 H430

כִּי הַלְּכָה
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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