

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
Isaiah 49 1-13 Sermon Outline Pastor Tom Zimbelman

Theme: The Servant, the Covenant, and Our Call

1. The Servant – prepared, hidden, and revealed

- ***Called from the womb for a worldwide mission (49:1)***
- ***Equipped with a sharp, penetrating word (49:2)***
- ***The true Israel who seems to labor in vain yet trusts the Father's reward (49:3-4)***
- ***Sent to restore Jacob and shine as salvation to the ends of the earth (49:5-6)***

2. The Covenant – given in a Person, not just on tablets

- ***Despised by the nation yet chosen and honored by God (49:7)***
- ***Given as the covenant who restores ruined inheritances (49:8)***
- ***Proclaiming freedom to prisoners and light to those in darkness (49:9)***
- ***Leading His people into protection, provision, and praise from every direction (49:10-13)***

Conclusion: the Servant's victory and our response

- ***The Servant conquers the serpent and calls us out of our old life.***
- ***God's covenant love in Christ invites us to leave the past and yield everything to Him.***

Scripture Cross References

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Matthew 11:28–29: *Jesus calls the weary and burdened to Himself, promising rest for their souls. His words give comfort, relief, and restoration in a way no one else can.*

Hosea 11:1: *God refers to Israel as His son, called out of Egypt. Matthew later applies this specifically and prophetically to Jesus.*

Matthew 2:15: *Matthew cites Hosea 11:1 to show that Jesus' return from Egypt fulfills God's prophetic call of His Son. Jesus embodies Israel's true calling.*

John 1:11: *Jesus came to His own people, yet they did not receive Him. His rejection is foretold in Isaiah and fulfilled in the Gospels.*

Acts 1:8: *Jesus commissions His disciples to be His witnesses, empowered by the Spirit, reaching Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.*

Acts 13:47–48: *Paul quotes Isaiah 49 to show that Christ's command to be a Light to the Gentiles is being fulfilled as Gentiles believe and rejoice.*

2 Corinthians 5:20: *Paul describes believers as ambassadors for Christ—through whom God pleads for people everywhere to be reconciled to Him.*

Jeremiah 31:31: *God declares the coming of a New Covenant for Israel and Judah, distinct from the Mosaic covenant.*

Jeremiah 31:33: *The New Covenant is internal—God writes His law on His people's hearts and minds, making them truly His.*

Jeremiah 31:34: *God promises complete forgiveness under the New Covenant: sins forgiven and remembered no more.*

2 Corinthians 6:2: *Paul quotes Isaiah 49 to declare that now is the appointed day of salvation—the time Isaiah foresaw has arrived.*

Acts 13:38–39: Forgiveness and justification come through Jesus in a way the Law of Moses could never provide.

John 3:19–20: Jesus explains why many reject Him: they love darkness rather than light, and hate exposure of their deeds.

1 Peter 4:3: Believers have spent long enough living like the world in sin—now they are called to live separated unto Christ.