

Series: Advent 2020

Sermon: Christ, The Light Of The Nations

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-6 (NIV)

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“If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at Christ, you'll be at rest.” Corrie Ten Boom

1. The Text Itself
2. Its Application to Israel
3. Its Application to Christ
4. Its Application through Christ to Us

1. THE TEXT ITSELF

The Servant of the Lord.

- His Call (verses 1-3)
- His Discouragement (verse 4a)
- His Greater Call to the Nations (verses 4b-6)

^{1a} *Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations ...* Isaiah 49:1a

^{1b} *... Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.*

² *He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.*

³ *He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”*

Isaiah 49: 1b-3

^{4a} *But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing ...”* Isaiah 49:4a

^{4b} *“Yet what is due me is in the Lord’s hand, and my reward is with my God.”*

⁵ *And now the Lord says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—*

⁶ *he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*

Isaiah 49:4b-6

2. HOW DOES THIS TEXT APPLY TO ISRAEL?

Israel was called to be a light to the nations but failed.

3. HOW DOES THIS TEXT APPLY TO JESUS?

Jesus is the True Israel, the True Servant of the Lord; THE Light to the Nations!

Christ is shown to be the Light to the Nations by:

- His birth
- His ministry
- His message
- His passion
- His commission to us

²⁹ *Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.*

³⁰ *For my eyes have seen your salvation,*

³¹ *which you have prepared in the sight of all people,*

³² *a light for revelation to the Gentiles ...*

Luke 2:29-32a

¹⁶ *After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,*

¹⁷ *that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name...*

Acts 15:16-17a

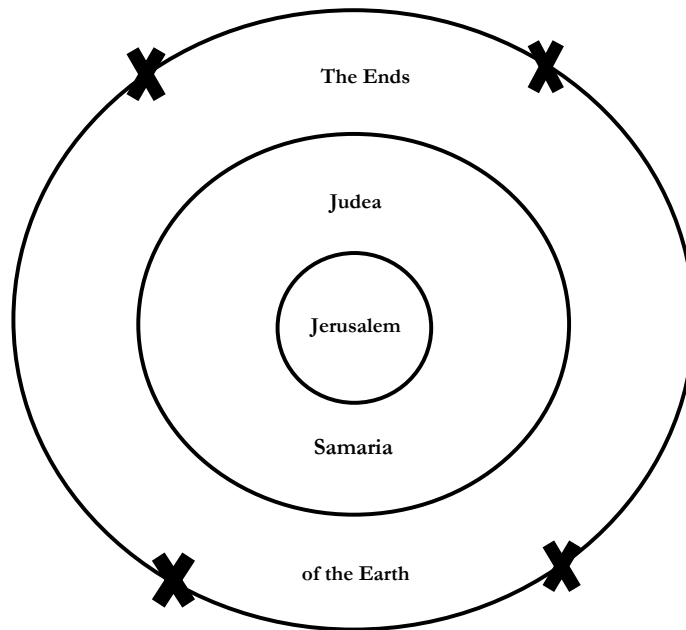
IV. HOW DOES THIS TEXT APPLY TO US, THE BODY OF CHRIST?

Something to Know.

Christ's Kingdom is not about us and the things we love. It is about Him – His Lordship, grace and glory.

Something to Feel.

Amazement! Humility! Awe! Gratitude!



Four Things to Do.

1. Rejoice.
2. Pray and Support.
3. Learn from.
4. Welcome.

All that is honorable is perishing; evils are naked; our voyage is in the dark; there is a beacon nowhere; Christ is sleeping. Gregory of Nazianzen

The Church is an anvil which has worn out many hammers. Theodore Beza

Previous sermons that Bob referred to:

[10/10/04 - The Surprise of the Gospel](#)

[5/27/07 - Reverse of the Curse, Babel Undone](#)