



# Daily Reflections

**March 27, 2018**

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## Scripture

**Isaiah 49: 1-6**

Hear me, O islands,  
listen, O distant peoples.  
The LORD called me from birth,  
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.  
He made of me a sharp-edged sword  
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.  
He made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me.  
You are my servant, he said to me,  
Israel, through whom I show my glory.  
Though I thought I had toiled in vain,  
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,  
Yet my reward is with the LORD,  
my recompense is with my God.  
For now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
That Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
And I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!  
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Isaiah describes vividly the person who has been called by God to be His Prophet. He was called and designated a Prophet while in his mother's womb. He is a servant of God who is sharp like a polished arrow. He is courageous and resolute in carrying out the orders he received from God. And even though he may suffer because of the words he is called to speak God will vindicate him and bring him to glory. In a world filled with fake news, duplicitous speech and confusing messages, the Prophet speaks God's word with clarity and power. You always know where he stands AND you know how you stand before God. Oh, how we need Prophets today!

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## **Food for your Journey**

Some people have written Personal Mission Statements to help them remember why they were born, why God named them before they were in the womb. Stephen Covey, in his celebrated book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* says, "Writing or reviewing a mission statement changes you because it forces you to think through your priorities deeply, carefully, and to align your behavior with your beliefs."

Some suggest that a personal mission consists of three parts:

- What do I want to do?
  - Who do I want to help?
  - What is the result? What value will I create?
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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Heavenly Father, Even though the Heavens seem silent to so many people I know that You are there and that You continue to call people to speak on Your behalf. Help me to hear and heed the words You speak to me today through Your Prophets, words which call me to repentance and sincere conversion. Amen