

## A CLOSE WALK WITH JESUS

Isaiah 63:7-9

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I will recount the Lord's faithful acts; I will sing the Lord's praises, because of all the Lord did for us, for God's great favor toward the house of Israel. God treated them compassionately and with deep affection. God said "Truly, they are my people, children who won't do what is wrong." God became their savior. During all their distress, God also was distressed, so a messenger who served him saved them. In love and mercy God redeemed them, lifting and carrying them throughout earlier times.

As the youngest child in the family, I was listening to older siblings and became curious about many things. How a baby born to human parents can become the savior was one of those puzzling questions. As I grew up and could learn from parents, Sunday School teachers, and others in the church, it became clear to me, what a miracle God had performed

Isaiah says that even though God was present and led his people, they were rebellious. They strayed from God many times and He continually brought them back. As in the beginning God would keep His promise to His people. That promise was to ultimately send His son into the world.

For over two thousand years, since God's promise to send a savior and redeemer, the world is now awaiting His return, but not as a baby.

Day by day we spend time in search of the truth as revealed in scripture. We can testify that truth is only in Jesus Christ. At times we face situations and we know it is only by trust in Jesus that we get through.

It is truly the promise of ages past that God works in our lives today. We can declare that a close walk with Jesus brings a true meaning to our lives. Yes, I heard of a savior as a small child and more than eight decades later I truly know my savior and redeemer. Thanks be to God for all He has done and will do. Praise Father God, Son and Holy Spirit!

**Prayer:** Father God, who sent your Son as a baby that we might be saved; May we receive Him again at this time and rejoice. For all our blessings we thank and praise you. All glory and honor be yours now and forever. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

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