

## WE HONOR JESUS BY WALKING WITH HIM!

**Scripture:** Isaiah 49:1-7

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*“Nevertheless, the Lord will grant me justice; my reward is with my God. ...Moreover, I’m **honored** in the Lord’s eyes; my God has become my strength.”*

~ Isaiah 49:4b, 5b CEB

Sometimes I forget that I am privileged to live the life I do. I get so caught up in the trappings of this life that I fail to be truly thankful for all of the wonders God gives me. For instance, driving and owning a car are a privilege; having a well-equipped home is a privilege; having a computer, cell phone and internet are a privilege. **Here’s a wild thought: serving our Lord is a privilege.**

I know that sometimes I look on my work for God as a burden and drudgery, especially when I’m so tired mentally and physically because of feeling that what I’m doing is not making a difference. But then Isaiah reminds me that **EVERYTHING I do in my calling to serve and walk with Jesus Christ is an honor!** We need to remember this when God’s work goes long and hard. God will grant justice; if not in the here and now, then in the time of final redemption.

During this Lenten season, while we are called to introspection and repentance, let’s remember that our reward is with God; he is our strength. So let’s attend worship like it’s a privilege. Let’s be the light of Jesus Christ to a dark world like it’s an honor. Let’s be the people called by God to serve even before we were born, knowing that this honors us in the Lord’s eyes, and especially honors God to all we serve!

**Prayer:** God of justice and strength, help us to be thankful for all of the privileges you give us, especially for the honor of serving you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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