

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Isaiah** chapter **49** verses **1-7**, which can be found on page **878** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹Listen to me, you coasts and islands, pay heed, you peoples far away: from birth the Lord called me, he named me from my mother's womb. He made my tongue his sharp sword and concealed me under cover of his hand; he made me a polished arrow and hid me out of sight in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel through whom I shall win glory'; so I rose to honour in the Lord's sight and my God became my strength. Once I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing, to no purpose'; yet in truth my cause is with the Lord and my reward is in God's hands. And now the Lord who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him that Israel should be gathered to him, now the Lord calls me again: it is too slight a task for you, as my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob, to bring back the descendants of Israel: I will make you a light to the nations, to be my salvation to earth's farthest bounds.

Thus says the Holy One, the Lord who ransoms Israel, to one who thinks little of himself, whom every nation abhors, the slave of tyrants: When they see you kings shall rise, princes shall rise and bow down, because of the Lord who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John** chapter 1 verses **35-42**, which can be found on page **112** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples when Jesus passed by. John looked towards him and said, 'There is the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. When he turned and saw them following him, he asked, 'What are you looking for?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means a teacher), 'where are you staying?' 'Come and see', he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent the rest of the day with him. It was then about four in the afternoon.

One of the two who followed Jesus after hearing what John said was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. The first thing he did was to find his brother Simon. He said to him, 'We have found the Messiah'. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You shall be called Cephas' (that is, Peter, the Rock).

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.