

## For the First Time Jesus Hears the Father Directly

***Later... “I have toiled in vain!”***

Wrestling with God in Times of Discouragement

**Isaiah 49:1** The LORD called Me from the womb;  
from the body of My mother He named Me.

**2a** He has made My mouth like a sharp sword

**Ephesians 6:17** ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Revelation 1:16** In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength

**2b** In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me;

And He has also made Me a select arrow,

He has hidden Me in His quiver.

**3a** He ~~said~~ **spoke** to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel,

**Genesis 32:28** He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have ~~striven~~ **wrestled** with God and with men and have prevailed."

**26** But he said, "I will not let you go ~~unless~~ **until** you bless me."

**3b** In Whom I will show My glory."

**Exodus 29:42** "It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

**43** "I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.

**Luke 2:41 - 42** Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; ....

**46 - 51** Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way?

Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You."

And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother ~~treasured~~ **stored** all these things in her heart.

**Isaiah 49:4a** But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for ~~nothing~~ **not one thing** and vanity;

**4b** Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God."

**Psalms 109:1** O God of my praise, do not be silent

**Psalms 10:1** Why do You stand ~~afar off~~ **aloof**, O LORD? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?

**5-6** And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel ~~might~~ **would** be gathered to Him. He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

**John 15:1-2** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the ~~vine dresser~~ **farmer**. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, ~~He takes away~~ **He lifts up**; and every branch that bears fruit, ~~He prunes~~ **He washes** it so that it may bear more fruit.

**Galatians 5:22** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...