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OUTLINE 1/1/12: ISAIAH 43:1-12 /ACTS 1:1-8

"Ye are My Witnesses"

Isa 43:1-12 /Acts 1:1-8

- 1. **The privilege and responsibility of** *testifying* **to the** *reality* **of God. Defined:** A person who has seen or heard of someone or something for which they can bear testimony to the facts.
- 2. The personal and subjective evidence that qualifies us to witness. Vs 10,1,2,

Chosen/ a saving knowledge of God/ A living faith in God/ comprehend the exclusivity of God Vs 1/3,4

- 3. The historical context; God calling Israel to the task of their witness of God: And that which is personal and private, is designed to be made public! AIM... of God Vs 21- Eph 1:11/2 Pet 2:9, 10
- 4. **The Humility of Omnipotence to call witnesses**. Vs9 Creation Rom 1:18,19/ Conscience- Rom 2:15; Providence acts 14:17/ God himself- **1John** 5:7, 8
- 5. The seriousness and judicious nature of the testimony. Vs8, 9 Eph 3:9-11

Three people in the court room – God the judge/ god denying the heathen/ And the people who should have been qualified to speak for God: **The blind** and deaf witnesses: made *themselves* unqualified. Leaders 56:10/people/ Isa 6:9, 10 / Idolatry will disqualify you from witnessing. Ps 115:3-8

- 6. **The outward testimony of Christ**: vs1-6 God's testimony about Himself in Christ as their redemption and salvation: The What He did, and what He will do for those who tell it! Vs12 "I have declared / I have saved / shown-Father Son, Holy Ghost. Witnessing to the truth of the gospel. Where? In Christ! He is the true witness **John 5:17/30,31,32, 1 John 5:6/ Rev 1:5/3:14**
- 7. **The inward witness of God for the believer**: fear not vs1,5, / Acts 1:8 Enablement / Integrity / Validity/ Sustainability. Heb 12:1-2

power blood clarity perseverance