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His Worms

May 5th 2008

Isa 41:14

Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

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Isaiah lived in Jerusalem under the reign of five kings of Judah. He witnessed the defeat and capture of the ten northern tribes of Israel by the Assyrians. He prophesied to Judean kings who sometimes listened to poor human council to their own destruction. Isaiah's constant council was not to necessarily always fight or submit to attacking armies, but rather his council was continually to have no foreign alliances. His council was to depend on God alone. That Judah's only alliance was to be with God. No alliances with Egypt and all her chariots, no alliances with false idols of wood and gold that totter over like Dagon before the captured Ark of God.

But Allied with their God whether in apparent victory or defeat. Because it was not the circumstances of life that mattered, but their relationship with God through those circumstances that was needful.

Judah needed to know God considered the nation to be His called and chosen servants. That He considered them his chosen friend who is never to need to fear or be anxious because He is their God and is always with them (Immanuel). That He would strengthen them, help them, uphold them and redeem (Goel) them.

But the nation needed to realize they were poor, needy, thirsty and afflicted WORMS. Blind, lowly, subsurface dwelling, dirt eating worms who were valued and loved by a God who would answer them and never forsake them. A God who would restore them in His way. A way that would cause all people to see and know that it was their good God who carried them through and restored them in His way and His time.

Today, let us acknowledge we are His worms in need of His salvation. When we see others suffering, let us approach them humbly as fellow worms and help each other remember our only hope is an alliance with the One who has called and chosen us to be His friend, who saves, strengthens and redeems.

(For those of you who were at Tuesday's meeting...) I have been more than blessed with all the emails and phone messages I have received from you saying the Lord of the worms has given you a love and put it on your hearts to be in steady prayer for a sister you don't even know personally. I am proud to be your fellow brother worm. God bless you all.