

Isaiah's Servant Song – No. 3

Isaiah 50:4-9

“My Servant” the Messiah

- The “Servant Songs” of Isaiah:
 - The ideal Servant – 42:1-9
 - The Servant redeemer of Israel and the world – 49:1-13
 - The Servant’s soliloquy, or oration – 50:4-9
 - The suffering Servant – 52:13 – 53:12
 - The Servant’s mission and results – 61:1-7
- Our focus today is the Servant’s soliloquy – Isa. 50:4-9

The Context

Isaiah 49:14 – 50:3

Context:

Israel's Complaint

- Jehovah had forsaken/forgotten them – 49:14
- God's response – 49:15-26
 - God's love for Israel transcends that of a mother for her infant – 49:15-16
 - For, God will bring about their freedom and restore the lost – 49:17-18
 - In spiritual Israel their lost children will be restored without measure – 49:19-21, 6
- God's assures Israel of their coming blessedness and how He will fight against those who oppose her – 49:22-26

Context:

God Rebukes the Exiles

- Israel as God's children are rebuked for their charge of abandonment against Him – 50:1; 49:14
 - Where is the certificate of divorce for their mother – Deut. 24:1-4
 - Who did He sell them to in order to pay a debt?
- Instead, God had called to save them, but no one would hear or answer – 50:2-3
- Could not He who has such great power over all save them from Babylon and deliver them from Satan and sin?

God's Servant's Soliloquy

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God's Servant's Preparation

- His dependence on God – 50:4-6
 - Note the Servant's stark contrast to the nation – 50:2
 - The Servant could speak as the learned, or as a disciple, because He was receptive to Jehovah's words – 50:4; Col. 4:5-6
 - As is true of a disciple, the Servant had to hear Jehovah's words before He could speak them to others – 50:4
- Through this morning by morning instruction, the Servant's ear was opened to truth – 50:5-6
 - He was not rebellious to it despite its difficult nature – 50:5
 - He willingly yielded in obedience His body to harm and unrighteous indignation – 50:6; Mt. 26:67; 27:30

God's Servant Declares Victory

- The same God who equipped, taught, and called him to suffering in obedience will assure His victory – 50:7-9
- With God's help, He would not be disgraced or humiliated – 50:7; Lk. 9:51
- With God as the judge, He would be judiciously vindicated, and those who oppose His will come to nothing – 50:8-9; Jn. 8:46

Conclusion

- Jehovah and His Servant call to all – 50:10-11
 - Those who fear God and obey the Servant, though dark times may come, **trust in** and **rely on God!**
 - Those who disbelieve and reject God's light and seek their own way, God will let you...but He will fight against you and bring you to total loss – Prov. 13:15; Rev. 21:8
- The choice before you is yours to make.
 - Will follow the Servant's path of fear and obedience to God and receive eternal life?
 - Will you reject His path in unbelief and selfishness and lose all that you hoped to gain, only to face the fires of hell?