

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VII. Isaiah’s *Discourse* on the Servant of God, the **Messiah** (49:1-57:21)

- A. The *Calling* of God’s Servant (49:1-12)
- B. The *Consolation* of Zion (49:13-26)

C. The *Conditioning* of God’s Servant (50:1-11)

1. The *Chastening* of Zion explained (50:1-3)

50 Thus says the LORD,
“Where is the **certificate of divorce**
by which I have **sent** your **mother away**?

Or to whom of **My creditors** did I **sell you**?

Behold, **you were sold** for **your iniquities**,
and for **your transgressions** your **mother was sent away**.

²“**Why** was there **no man** when **I came**?
When **I called**, **why** was there **none** to answer?

Is **My hand so short** that it cannot **ransom**?
Or **have I no power** to **deliver**?

Behold, I **dry up** the **sea** with **My rebuke**,
I make the **rivers a wilderness**;
their fish **stink** for lack of water and die of thirst.

³“I **clothe** the **heavens** with **blackness**
and make **sackcloth** their **covering**.”

2. The *Conditioning* of God’s Servant expressed (50:4-6)

- a. **His Discipleship** before **God** (50:4)
- b. **His Devotion** in the face of **suffering** (50:5-6)
- c. **His Determination** to **remain faithful** (50:7-9)

⁴The **Lord God** has **given Me** the **tongue of disciples**,
that I may know how to **sustain the weary** one with a **word**.

He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

⁵The **Lord GOD** has **opened My ear**;
and I was not **disobedient** nor did I **turn back**.

⁶I gave **My back** to those who **strike Me**,
and **My cheeks** to those who **pluck out the beard**;
I did **not** cover **My face** from humiliation and spitting.

⁷For the **Lord GOD** helps Me, therefore, I am **not disgraced**;

Therefore, I have **set My face** like flint,
and I know that I will **not be ashamed**.

⁸He who vindicates Me is near; **who** will **contend** with **Me**?

Let us **stand up** to **each other**; who has a **case** against **Me**?
Let him **draw near** to **Me**.

⁹Behold, the **Lord GOD** helps Me; **who** is he who **condemns Me**?

Behold, they will all **wear out** like a garment;
the moth will **eat them**.

3. The *Charge* to the People **exclaimed** (50:10-11)

¹⁰**Who** is among you that **fears the LORD**,
That **obeys** the **voice** of **His servant**,
That **walks** in **darkness** and has **no light**?

Let him trust in the name of the **LORD** and rely on his **God**.

¹¹Behold, all you who **kindle a fire**,
Who encircle yourselves with **firebrands**,

Walk in the **light** of your **fire**
and among the **brands** you have **set ablaze**.

This you will have from **My hand**: you will **lie down** in torment.

Messianic Prophecy Application– (50:1-11) The **Servant of God** is **Jesus the Messiah** (Pt. 2)

1. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God's Servant** (50:4a), **Jesus the Messiah** was given “**a disciple's tongue**,” and had a **ministry** that sustained and comforted the *weary* with **His words**.

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take **My yoke** upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am *gentle* and *humble*
in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. (Matthew 11:28-29)

When **Jesus** saw the crowds,..**He** went up on the **mountain**;..
He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be **comforted**..
Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of **righteousness**,
for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**...” (Matthew 5:1-3, 10)

2. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God’s Servant** (50:4b), **Jesus**
“listened as a disciple,” and was taught by **God**.

So **Jesus** answered them (the **Jews**) and said,
“My teaching is *not* Mine, but His who **sent Me**.

If anyone is willing to **do His will**, he will **know** of the teaching,
whether it is **of God** or *whether I speak from Myself*. (John 7:16-17)

3. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God’s Servant** (50:5), **Jesus**
heard and obeyed the voice of **God His Father**.

Therefore **Jesus answered** and was saying to them (the **Jews**),
“Truly, truly, **I say** to you, the **Son** can do nothing of **Himself**,
unless *it is* something **He sees** the **Father doing**; for whatever the
Father does, these things the **Son also does** in like manner. (John 15:19)

;..but so that the world may know that **I love the Father**,
I do exactly as the **Father commanded Me**.
Get up, let us go from here. (John 14:31)

4. Just as **we read** regarding **God’s Servant** (50:6), **Jesus** the
Messiah suffered physical abuse and humiliation.

Then the **high priest** tore his robes and said,
“He has **blasphemed!** What further need do we have of **witnesses?**
Behold, you have now heard the **blasphemy**;..

Then **they** (the **Sanhedrin**) spat in **His face** and beat Him with their **fists**;
and others slapped Him, (Matthew 26:65, 67)
Wishing to satisfy the **crowd** (the Jews),
Pilate released **Barabbas** for them, and after having **Jesus scourged**,
he handed **Him** over to be **crucified**. (Mark 15:15)

5. Just as **we read** tonight concerning **God's *Servant*** (50:7-9), **Jesus** was **helped by God**, and **steadfastly trusted** that **God** would **vindicate Him**.

In the days of **His flesh (Messiah)**,
He offered up both **prayers** and **supplications** with loud ***crying***
and ***tears*** to **the One** able to **save Him** from **death**,
and **He was heard** because of **His piety**. (Hebrews 5:7)

By common **confession**, great is the **mystery of godliness**:

He who was ***revealed*** in the **flesh**,
was **vindicated** in the **Spirit**, seen by **angels**,
proclaimed among the **nations**, **believed on** in the **world**,
taken up in **glory**. (I Timothy 3:16)

Personal Application

As **Messiah's disciples**, ***we too*** have a **vital ministry**
to "**sustain the weary**" with our **words**.

Anxiety in a **man's heart** weighs it down,
But a **good word** makes it **glad**. (Proverbs 12:25)

Pleasant words are a ***honeycomb***,
Sweet to the **soul** and **healing** to the **bones**. (Proverbs 16:24)

Death and **life** are in the **power** of the **tongue**,
And those who **love it** will **eat its fruit**. (Proverbs 18:21)

Blessed *be* the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**,
the **Father of mercies** and **God of all comfort**, who ***comforts us*** in all our **affliction**
so that **we will be able to comfort those** who are in any **affliction**
with the ***comfort*** with which **we ourselves** are ***comforted by God***.
(II Corinthians 1:3-4)

Let **no unwholesome word** proceed from **your mouth**,
but only such ***a word*** as is **good** for **edification**
according to the **need of the moment**, so that it will
give grace to those who **hear**. (Ephesians 4:29)

But **encourage one another** day after day,
as long as it is ***still*** called "Today," so that **none** of you
will be ***hardened*** by the **deceitfulness** of **sin**. (Hebrews 3:13)

The **mouth** of the **righteous** is a **fountain of life**...(Proverbs 10:11a)