



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Isaiah Sermon Series

Supports Session 10: God Comforts

Sermon Title: "Beholding God's Servant" (Isaiah 50:4-11)

Connection to Isaiah 49

Beginning in chapter 49, Isaiah looks beyond Cyrus and begins to focus on the mission and deliverance that another servant will provide. This servant is the one that will bring final salvation. While some have identified the servant as Israel or Isaiah, the servant is unmistakably none other than Christ Himself.

Introduction/Opening

Why are our ears so important? Not to be captain obvious, but our ears enable us to hear. I know that people would debate this, but spoken and written words are the most reliable source of communication. In Isaiah's passage about the Servant, we see how important the Word of God is to the Servant. We also see how important the Word of God is to those who are rescued by the Servant. Paul stated that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. It is no accident that in John 1:1 Jesus is referred to as the Word. God created the world by the sheer power of His spoken word (Gen. 1:1). God brings new life out of the hearing of His Word (Rom. 10:17). In this passage we will see the relationship between Jesus and the Word of God, and we will also see how the Word of God enables our relationship with God.

Outline

1. How Did the Servant Live? (50:4-9)
 - a) The mind of the servant
 - i. The curriculum of the Servant
 - ii. The counsel of the Servant
 - b) The will of the servant
 - i. The obedience of the Servant
 - ii. The sacrifice of the Servant
 - c) The trust of the Servant
 - d) The confidence of the Servant
 - i. The condemnation of the Servant
 - ii. The vindication of the Servant

2. How Do You Want to Live? (50:10-11)

a) Life in the light

- i. Listening to God
- ii. Learning about God
- iii. Leaning on God

b) Life in the darkness

- i. Ignoring God's Word
- ii. Leaning on yourself

Conclusion

The Servant that is presented in Isaiah 50 is saturated by the Scriptures. I know that we do not usually think of how central the Scriptures were to the life and the ministry of Jesus, but Isaiah would call us to see that the ultimate Servant of God is also the ultimate Servant of the Scriptures. He consumes the Scriptures as His food. He counsels others with this word. He fulfills the words of Isaiah 50 with His obedience to the Scriptures. As a result, Jesus is indeed the light of the world, and when we behold Him we are confident that there is no darkness at all. Apart from Jesus, there is nothing but darkness and the certainty of judgment. We can take comfort from God's sure Word that points us to the only one who obeyed God completely and live with the confidence that we can be partakers in His divine accomplishment through faith in Jesus.

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