

The LORD Will Help

Isaiah 50

1. The LORD Will Help _____ (v. 1-3)
 - a. Who are at _____
 - i. For _____
 - ii. For _____
 - iii. For _____
 - b. Who could be _____
 - i. By a God Who _____ power
 - ii. By a God Who _____ power
2. The LORD Will Help the _____ (v. 4-9)
 - a. In His _____ office
 - i. With a _____
 - ii. With an _____
 - b. In His perfect _____
 - c. In His willing _____
 - i. Scorned by the _____
 - ii. Vindicated by the _____
3. The LORD Will Help _____ (v. 10-11)
 - a. People with _____ light
 - i. They _____ the LORD
 - ii. They _____ the servant
 - iii. They _____ in the Name
 - iv. They _____ on God
 - b. People with _____ light
 - i. They try to help _____
 - ii. They are doomed to _____

“What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

Matthew 26:66-68

Alex Motyer on Isaiah 50:10-11

Like all the Songs, this third one is followed by a tailpiece. In the first two Songs the tailpieces were divine confirmations of the Servant’s task; in this and in the final Song (52:13-53:12) the tailpieces are exhortations to respond to the Servant – here, by accepting him as a model. These verses match the teaching of 8:9-20 in opening a gulf between two classes of people: those who model themselves on the Servant (10) and those who walk in the way of self-sufficiency (11).

Each verse has six lines, and together they contrast two classes and two ways of life. Both ‘walk’, the one in darkness (10c), the other in a self-kindled light (11c). The one has no gleam of light (10d), the other is surrounded by the torches he has lit (11bd). The one leans on God (10f), the other lies down in torment (11f). No particular outcome or blessing is promised as a result of the way of obedience and trust (10bef), but the implication is that those who follow it escape ‘lying down in torment’ under divine disapproval. Thus, the Servant is not only their mentor (10b) but also, by implication, their Savior. As to the Servant’s identity, he cannot himself be a personification of the believing, trusting remnant, for he is offered here objectively to them as their teacher and the one through whom they learn what it is to fear the Lord. Fear was a particular mark of the remnant in 8:12f, just as darkness was the lot of those who refused the Lord’s word and way (8:22). They were called to concentrate on the given word (8:16, 20), just as here they listen to the Servant (10b), and to rest in faith (8:17, 10ef).

Read through the Bible in a year!

Aug 22: **Psalms 110-112; I Cor 5** Aug 26: **Ps 119:89-176; I Cor 8**
Aug 23: **Psalms 113-115; I Cor 6** Aug 27: **Psalms 120-122; I Cor 9**
Aug 24: **Psalms 116-118; I Cor 7:1-19** Aug 28: **Ps 123-125; I Co 10:1-18**
Aug 25: **Psalms 119:1-88; I Cor 7:20-40**

*** Lord willing, all who complete the reading at the end of the year will be invited to a dinner and celebration at the end of the year!***