Isaiah 50:1-11

The Suffering Servant: Part 3

* The Obstinate servant: “Has The LORD Forsaken Me?” 49:14-50:3
  + But Zion said...
    - Lack of faith: Forsaken! Forgotten! 49:14
    - Is met with God's comfort 49:15-16
      * Engraved on My hands? 16
    - And God's promises 49:17-23
      * Then you will know, 23
    - And God's deliverance 49:24-26 (know 26)
  + Analogy and reality
    - The future exile will feel like divorce 50:1
      * But God loves like Hosea 3
    - The future exile will feel like being sold
      * But God will send a deliverer, Jdg 3:8; 4:2
    - Why not respond to God's call? 50:2
    - He is mighty to save, 50:2-3
* The Obedient SERVANT: “The LORD Will Vindicate Me” 50:4-9
  + Submission: What do you know about God?
    - What a contrast! Daily fellowship, 4
    - Adonai YHWH: The Sovereign LORD (4x)
      * This Servant trusts ('I know') God's plan
    - The Lord GOD has given: tongue, ear
    - First, a disciple; then a counselor, 9:6
      * To sustain with a word, Col 1:17; Heb 1:3
  + Obedience: What will you do with that knowledge?
    - Active obedience: Jesus lived the life I should have lived actively obeying the Father’s will and fulling perfectly the righteous requirement of the Law
    - Passive obedience: Jesus died the death I should have died passively enduring the cross and wrath of God
    - And I was NOT rebellious, 5
      * What will you do with what God says (ear)?
      * To what degree will you obey the LORD?
    - The opposition: a preview of Calvary
      * I gave my back, my cheeks, my face, 6
    - But Adonai YHWH helps Me, therefore, 7
      * He set His face towards Jerusalem, Lk 9:51
  + Vindication: Who gives the final verdict on life?
    - He who vindicates Me is near! 8 The resurrection is the ultimate vindication of the Messiah, wherein the Father fully accepts the sacrifice of the Son
      * How do you regard the presence of God?
    - Who will contend with This Servant? 8-9
      * Let's step outside. Let's go. (Rom 8:28ff)
    - Behold, Adonai YHWH helps me, 9
      * The verdict of man cannot stand
      * Opposition withers against the infinite One
* The Challenge From The LORD: “Will You Trust In The LORD?” 50:10-11
  + There are only two ways to live: in alignment with the design of the Creator, or blindly imagining yourself to be the creator
  + Who among you? 10
  + 1: Faith
    - Righteous fear does not hide, 10
    - What priority do you show the Word?
    - How do you process the confusion of life?
      * Fear YHWH : : Obey The Servant
      * Trust the Sovereign plan, no matter the cost
      * Rely on His help and His timing
  + 2: Futility
    - Unrighteous fear turns away and within
    - They disregard the Word, 11
      * Seek to create their own light to make sense in the darkness (there is a way that seems right to a man...)
      * What happens to the one who turns away from the source of light and life? (...but its end is the way of death)