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)