

Isaiah 50
The True Light

Divorce certificate issued (1-3) – unfaithful Israel (II Timothy 2:13)

Israel continued the adulterous path of idolatry. Yet God remained faithful to His covenant as He is faithful to those who are participants in the new covenant.

Sold into sin (John 8:34 / Romans 6:16 / II Peter 2:19)

Sin begets sin. Unless we turn from our sin, we will be mastered by it.

Seeking self or the Savior – the poison of sin (Ezekiel 22:30)

My sin impacts others – God could find no one who remained faithful to Him

Strength of God ignored – the only remedy (Isaiah 43:10-11 / Jeremiah 32:26-27)

I cannot battle my sin nature by my own strength. I need Jesus and His Spirit!

Disgraced not (4-9) – faithful Jesus (John 5:19, 30)

What a contrast between us and our Savior. He only did that which the Father instructed Him to do – not seeking to please Himself, but God.

Sustained by God's word (Psalm 119:34-37)

Hungering to know and follow God's word we have all we need (II Peter 1:3-4)

Surrendered to God's will (Matthew 26:38-39)

No matter the cost, following God's will is always the right choice.

Suffering for God's Name (I Peter 2:21-24 / Acts 5:40-41)

Jesus left us that example and His apostles rejoice at the privilege

Standing firm in God's call (Is. 50:7 / Luke 9:51 / Acts 20:22-24)

Being resolute in doing what God desires – to know we have kept the faith

Source of strength found in God (Psalm 22:19; 18:1-2)

We can endure all things with His strength (I Corinthians 10:13)

Darkness or light? (10-11) – where do we put our trust?

Jesus alone is the light of the world. Any other voices that promise light will lead us into darkness. The world becomes darker if His light is not seen and followed.

Trusting in His Name – the true light (Psalm 25:3 / I John 1:5-7)

We will not be put to shame if we walk in His light. You cannot mix in darkness.

Tormented by your own torches – the false light that leads to darkness

(II Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15) ***There is only one Jesus, one Spirit, and one gospel.***

The enemy disguises himself as light, but his way leads to destruction (I Pt. 5:8)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 50

We are unfaithful to God. What must we recognize to keep us from going down the path of wickedness? (Psalm 25:8-9, 12, 14 / Galatians 6:7-8 / John 15:5)

God instruct sinners – I must acknowledge who I am. God instructs the humble – I must humble my self under His might hand (James 4:10). God instructs those who fear Him – I must recognize that I will stand before my Judge (II Corinthians 5:10). I cannot hide my motives from God – if I do not surrender to the Spirit within me, my path will lead to destruction. I can do nothing apart from Jesus – I must abide in the Vine.

Jesus is faithful in all He does. (Mark 7:37 / Psalm 92:1-2) How can we follow His example? (see the 5 bullet points under “Disgraced not” and relate each of them to our daily walk with Jesus)

His Word – (John 17:17) It is only through knowing and living His Word (Matthew 7:24-27)

His will – (I John 2:15-17) This world is not aligned with His will, we must live differently.

His Name – (Psalm 138:2) Exalted above all things. Are we willing to suffer for Him?

His call – (Ephesians 2:10) Will we live out His plan or follow our own?

His strength – (Philippians 4:13) I can face any challenge or circumstance in His strength.

How can we recognize His true light? (Isaiah 2:22; 8:20 / Psalm 119:105 / Galatians 1:10 / I John 1:5-7 / John 3:19-21)

We cannot trust man – when man’s ideas conflict with God’s truth (light), we follow God.

We must trust in His word – otherwise we have no light.

Trusting in His word to be our light, He will guide us through every step.

If we seek to please men, we will no longer be servants of Christ.

Darkness will hinder our fellowship with God and with other believers.

Those who live in darkness will hide from the light. Those who love God will be willing to let the light expose who they are, acknowledging that anything good in my comes from God

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