

Thursday Evening Bible Study  
**Series: The Book of Isaiah**

Teaching Summary for Week 128

**Isaiah Chapter 50:4-11**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Servant Song of Isaiah.

Outline

Isaiah 50:4	The Servant listened and learned
Isaiah 50:5-6	The Servant obediently endured suffering
Isaiah 50:7-9	The Servant confidently depended on God
Isaiah 50:10-11	The Challenge to follow the Servant's example

Let's read the passage: **Isaiah 50:4-11**.

Now I have identified this as the third Servant song.

How do we know that this passage refers to the Servant of the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ, rather than to Isaiah?

Primarily, we know because of **verses 6-7**, in light of the gospels.

**See Matthew 26:67; 27:30-31; Luke 18:31-33.**

Another clue is found in the expression “*not disobedient*” in **verse 5**, in light of the New Testament.

**See Matthew 26:39-42; John 8:28-29; 14:31; Philippians 2:8-9; Hebrews 5:8.**

Hebrews 5:8 in particular speaks of the relationship between our Lord’s obedience and His suffering.

By the way, Isaiah 50:4-11 cannot refer to the nation of Israel either, because it was continually disobedient to the Lord!

### Verse-by-verse

**Verse 4:** The servant has the *tongue* of disciples because he *listens* as a disciple.

The expression “morning by morning” is used in the Bible to refer to a daily practice, typically done in obedience to the Lord.

See **Exodus 16:21; 1 Chronicles 9:27; Ezekiel 46:13;**

for daily practices, see **Proverbs 8:30-36; Psalm 119:147-148; Luke 19:47; Acts 17:11.**

Sustaining the weary one with a word.

What does it mean to sustain a weary or tired person? It means to refresh or revive them. It means to nourish them. It means to give them new strength. It means to give them rest. It means to bear their burdens.

**Psalm 68:19. Isaiah 40:28-31. Jeremiah 31:23-26; Matt 11:28-30.**

Notice how the servant sustains the weary one. He sustains him with **a word**. This means to speak a word in season: the right word for the right situation.

What are words that revive and sustain the tired ones? What words give strength and rest? What words raise the spirits of men, and preserve them under hardships? Give them perseverance?

**Psalm 119:25, 28, 103, 107, 116, 154; John 6:63, 68; Hebrews 4:11-12; Revelation 3:10.**

What words are nourishing? Daily food is sustenance. It is necessary for the body. Yet the word of God is more necessary than our daily food. **Deuteronomy 8:3; Job 23:12; Matthew 4:4.**

**Verse 5:** “open my ears” is a sign of obedience. **Psalm 40:6-8.**

Jesus instructs His disciples about the relationship between love for Him and obedience to Him in **John 14:15**. He set the standard with His obedience to His Father. **John 15:10.**

**Verses 6 & 7:** See above.

**Verse 7:** The Lord God helps Me, **Isaiah 49:8**. I am not disgraced, **Isaiah 45:17; 54:4**. (speaking of Israel)

I shall not be moved, **Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8.**

**Verses 8-9:** Notice the parallelism:

Vindicates Me - → Who will contend with Me?  
The Lord God helps Me - → Who is he who condemns me?

What is true about Jesus (the Servant) will one day also be true about Israel. **Isaiah 54:17.**

The Father vindicated His Servant by *raising Him from the dead*: **Acts 2:24-28; 13:30-35; Philippians 2:5-11; Ephesians 1:19-23.**

Other scriptures including application to us: **Romans 8:33-34; Psalm 2:7-9** [note how vv 10-12 line up with Isaiah 50:10-11]; **16:8-11** [quoted in Acts 2:25-28]; **37:1-11; 110:1-7.**

“let’s stand up to each other”: **Isaiah 41:1; 43:25-26.**

The Lord God helps me. This will come to pass for Israel as well, **Isaiah 41:10.**

Wear out like a garment, the moth will eat them: **Isaiah 51:6-8.**