



## **Listen Up! Trust in the Name of the Lord**

Isaiah 50:4-51:8

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

<sup>1</sup> “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup> “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope

for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

<sup>7</sup> “Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. <sup>8</sup> For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.”

**I. Listen, the SERVANT of the Lord speaks (vs 4-9)**

a. I learned how to SUSTAIN the weary

b. I remained OBEDIENT in suffering

c. I was HELPED by the Lord God

**II. Listen, ISAIAH the PROPHET speaks (vs 10-11)**

There is a choice to be made:

a. TRUST in the name of the Lord, even in the DARKNESS, or

b. WALK in your own LIGHT

**III. Listen, the LORD GOD speaks (51: 1-8)**

a. Look to the past and be COMFORTED

b. Pay attention now, I'm going GLOBAL

c. Look to the future, My SALVATION is forever

**Who do you trust in? The choice is clear.**