

## THE SERVANT: He Who Has Ears Let Them Hear

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Text: Isaiah 50

Defining God, apart from His revealed Word, is dangerous.

When we are under God's discipline, we never have a reason to find fault with Him.

*Dr. Bob Jones, "Never doubt in the dark what God has told you in the light."*

### THE SERVANT WANTS US TO KNOW:

**The Lord God gives Him the words to sustain the weary.** Verse 4

The Servant, Jesus, is the ultimate Word that sustains the weary.

**The Lord God opened His ear to tell Him of what's coming.** Verse 5-6

The Servant knew that listening to God's Word will always be better than listening to any other word.

**The Lord God helps Him in the darkness with His Word.** Verse 7

**The Lord God will vindicate Him.** Verse 8-9

Which voice will you listen to? Verse 10-11

Faith in God's Word offsets the darkness.

We need to walk in the revealed character of God.

The darkness of obedience is always better than the light of disobedience.

The words that you believe will be the light that you will walk by.

Any word that isn't God's is a manufactured light which will go out.

## Food for Thought for the week of March 13, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Isaiah 50:1-3 really sets the stage for us to see what God is doing in verses 4-11. Describe the situation the Israelites found themselves in these first three verses. What did they believe was the cause their situation? Why were they mistaken? What did they fail to remember?
3. Where do you go when you are weary? What did Jesus do? What do you do when you find yourself walking in darkness?
4. Is darkness always a bad thing? What benefit might it bring? What are the downsides of being in the dark?
5. How did God encourage Israel in verses 4-9?
6. What things encourage you? How do the promises of God help you in those dark and weary times? What is necessary in order to be able to rely on the promises of God?
7. Dr. Bob Jones stated, "Never doubt in the dark what God has told you in the light." What lessons and/or truths can we draw from this statement?
8. How does the knowledge that perfect love drives out fear motivate us to embrace His words?

Application:

1. List things that we can do in our small groups to help those who are weary or are walking in darkness? Decide how to implement these suggestions.
2. Identify some "light sources" people manufacture themselves to help them through the darkness.
3. Discuss how we can avoid manufacturing our own "light sources" and really allow God to channel His light through us.

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