

Portrait of The Servant (3)

Isaiah 50:4-9



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4 The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

**He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.**

**5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears,
and I have not been rebellious;
I have not drawn back.**

**6 I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.**

Isaiah 50:4-9 cont

**7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.**

**8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!
Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!**

**9 It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
Who is he that will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.**

Listening like one who is taught v4

- Our own relationship with God
- Taking time to listen to God
- Wisdom from above

Suffering like one who is faithful

v5-7

- Called by God? The servant metaphor?
- The high price of caring; willing to be unpopular
- Death at work in us, life at work in you
- Have courage

Standing like one who is upheld

v8-9

- Voices that condemn
- Satan who accuses
- God who upholds – the One who helps
- A godly confidence and determination

Three qualities of the servant

- Contemplative
- Compassionate
- Courageous