



## Behold, Finish Faithful in Ministry!

Servant Song 3 • Isaiah 50:1-11

THE SERVANT SONGS OF ISAIAH – BEHOLD, MY SERVANT!				
Four Songs	42:1-9 9 Verses	49:1-7 7 Verses	50:4-11 8 Verses	52:13 – 53:12 15 Verses
Main Focus	<b>MANNER</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>	<b>MISSION</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>	<b>MINISTRY</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>	<b>MEANING</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>
Increasing Suffering	<b>INITIAL OPPOSITION</b> 42:4	<b>VERBAL HUMILIATION</b> 49:4, 7	<b>PHYSICAL PERSECUTION</b> 50:6	<b>BRUTAL EXECUTION + SPIRITUAL PROPITIATION</b> 52:14; 53:1-9
Speaker	<b>THE LORD DECLARES</b> <i>Provision of My Ideal Servant</i> "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights!"	<b>THE SERVANT TESTIFIES</b> <i>Confession of Trust in Yahweh</i> "But I said, 'I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity, yet surely the justice due Me is with the Lord and My reward is with My God.'"	<b>THE SERVANT TESTIFIES</b> <i>Confession of Obedience to Yahweh</i> "For the Lord God helps Me, therefore I am not disgraced; therefore, I have set My face like a flint...Behold, the Lord God helps Me; who is he who condemns Me?"	<b>THE LORD DECLARES</b> <i>Exaltation of My Ideal Servant</i> "Behold, My Servant, will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted."
<b>INCREASING OPPOSITION Results in EXECUTION then RESURRECTION, VINDICATION, and EXALTATION of the SERVANT and HIS SERVANTS!</b>				

### What Is the Servant Telling Us in the Third Servant Song?

The Servant is telling us how to **FINISH FAITHFUL** in our ministry like He did in His ministry.

"For the Lord GOD helps Me, therefore, I am not disgraced; therefore, I have set My face like flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed." Isaiah 50:7

#### Two Reminders

#1 This is Christ speaking to us in the OT before His Incarnation! 1Peter 1:10-12

#2 The LORD has called all of His covenant people into ministry not just a special few! Exodus 19:4-6; 1Peter 2:9-10

### Three Truths for Finishing Faithful in Ministry

#### 1. Behold, the LORD Is FAITHFUL Even When We Are Unfaithful. (50:1-3)

##### BEHOLD, a Faithful Word of Rebuke

➤ Your separation from Me is due your own UNFAITHFULNESS not Mine. (v. 1)

*Servants fail to finish well when they begin to love pleasing THEMSELVES more than pleasing the LORD who loves them faithfully.*

##### BEHOLD, a Faithful Word of Encouragement

➤ I AM the FAITHFUL Husband and Master who has the power to keep His promises. (v. 2)

*Servants fail to finish well when they REFUSE to call on the LORD who loves them faithfully and powerfully.*

#### 2. Behold, the Suffering Servant Is FAITHFUL to Follow the LORD at Any Cost in Our Place. (50:4-9)

The Suffering Servant Is a FULLY DEVOTED Disciple!

**The Test of Servanthood Is Discipleship and the Test of Discipleship Is Servanthood**  
*How faithful are we in following / trusting our Master and fulfilling / obeying His commands?*

**The Servant's Testimony Regarding His Discipleship**

- The **SOVEREIGN LORD** Has Discipled Me. 50:4, 5, 7, 9

Most English Translations Have "the Lord GOD" = The Sovereign ("Adonai") LORD ("Yahweh")

***The I AM God Is the Sovereign Master Over All!***

- The Sovereign LORD Has Discipled Me to Be Quick to **HEAR** and **OBEY** from the **HEART**. 50:4-6

(v. 4) The Sovereign LORD has given me "***the tongue of a disciple***" John 7:16; 8:28

(v. 4) The Sovereign LORD "***awakens My ear to listen as a disciple***" John 17:8

(v. 5) The Sovereign LORD "***has opened My ear***" John 12:49; 14:10, 31

**The Sovereign LORD Has Discipled Me to Be a Fully Devoted Disciple!**

*I am quick to hear, quick to obey the Lord God from My heart at any cost!*

- The Sovereign LORD Has Discipled Me to **TRUST HIM** as My Trustworthy Helper in the Worst of Times. 50:7-9

He is **MY HELPER** who will ***deliver Me*** and ***ultimately vindicate Me***. Therefore, I will set my face like a flint to follow Him faithfully **NO MATTER WHAT**. (7-9)

*"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." Luke 9:51*

**The Suffering Servant's Testimony as a Fully Devoted Disciple Who Follows the Sovereign LORD at Any Cost**

*I am able to **ENCOURAGE** the weary to do the same by My Word!*

*"The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word."  
Isaiah 50:4 compare Isaiah 40:28-31*

**3. Behold, the LORD's Servants Will Follow the SUFFERING SERVANT at Any Cost and Like Him Be Rewarded in the End. (50:10-11)**

- Those who fear the LORD will **FOLLOW** His Faithful Servant (= Obey His Voice!). (10a)

*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME, HE MUST DENY HIMSELF, and TAKE UP HIS CROSS and FOLLOW ME. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.'" Matthew 16:24-25*

- Those who follow His Faithful Servant will **TRUST** in the name of the LORD and rely on His God to deliver them from darkness within them and around them. (10a)

*"Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me." John 17:7-8*

- Those who refuse to follow His Faithful Servant will **REMAIN** in darkness and **RECEIVE** eternal torment from the LORD and His Faithful Servant.

*"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness. If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me." John 12:46-50*

**The Servant Is Telling Us**

*"Follow Me as a fully devoted disciple to be delivered from the darkness of sin within you and finish your ministry faithfully in spite of the darkness around you! I promise you'll be rewarded in the end just like Me!"*

**Who Are You Trusting to Dispel the Darkness in Your Heart and Light Your Path in This Present Darkness?**

*The Light Provided by the Voice of the Faithful Servant or the Flickering Light of Your Own Self-made Fires?*