

Beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The word of God for our instruction in righteousness is found in Isaiah 50:4-10.

"The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is* weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 *He is* near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who *is* My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who *is* he *who* will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. 10 "Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.

So far our text. Dear fellow redeemed of God.

The only good lawyer is a dead lawyer. Likely the most common joke ever told concerning the profession of being a lawyer. Mankind in general is fond of degrading the work of certain, really all professions until the time we need them. No one likes to be on the receiving end of a ticket from law enforcement, but we certainly are eager to call them when we are in danger or in need of the kind of help they can offer.

The same goes for a lawyer. The amount of knowledge that a lawyer has would take the average person an incredible amount of time to study up on so he could represent himself in court. And then the knowledge that we would have would be a drop in the bucket in light of the challenge we would face in a judicial system.

Having a skilled lawyer can certainly help bring peace of mind while standing before the judge or a group of your peers. You will have confidence in the fact that he knows the system and will because of his qualifications speak the right words so that you might hear the verdict of 'not guilty' be pronounced.

If we take this picture and move it into our spiritual lives and compare it in the light of our text it becomes even more important. Serving a life sentence for something you didn't do in this life is one thing. But to serve a life sentence in hell is something that we all are deserving of. But our text reveals to us that because of the qualifications and work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **"You shall never be put to shame!"**

Because the words that were penned by the prophet Isaiah are not his words but the words of our Holy God we pray. Sanctify us by your truth O Lord, Your word is truth. Amen.

If the qualifications of someone we hire out such as a layer, an exterminator or an electrician are important how much more important are the qualifications of the One who was sent to save us from our sins?

One of the most commonly found doctrines in relation to our Savior is called the two natures. What this means is that Jesus Christ at His incarnation (conception) was at the same time is fully God and fully man. Understanding this, especially considering the fact that Jesus could speak in regards to either nature helps make Scripture clearer for us. With that in mind we consider our text.

Verse 1 of our text. **The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is weary*. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.**

The entirety of our text for today is the pre-incarnate Jesus speaking. But I'm sure you noticed Jesus saying that "The Lord God has given to Me" in our text. At this time it's important to remember what I mentioned about the two natures of Christ. Before Jesus' incarnation (conception) He held all the attributes of the God-head perfectly. So it was with Jesus when He took on the flesh in such a miraculous way. The difference is and the reason why Jesus speaks the way He does is in relation to the fact that His divine nature gave attributes to His human nature. That is why Jesus here speaks of the Lord Jehovah giving Him particular attributes. He is speaking in regards to what divine attributes were communicated to the man Jesus Christ. And these attributes having been communicated are vital to our salvation.

If Jesus would've been a mere man He could've never spoken nor carried out such things as our described in our text for today. When Jesus says that He was given the tongue of the learned He is speaking of His spiritual willingness to fulfill His office as Prophet on our behalf.

Here Jesus is given the tongue of the learned. He is given the tongue of the prophet, preacher and teacher. It was given to Him so that He could come into the world and proclaim the Gospel in light of what He came into the world to accomplish the salvation of sins on behalf of all people. People spoke concerning this when they said, "**The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"**" (John 7:46) Because of Jesus' divine nature His human nature was able to speak to the world in such a fashion. No one born of a man and woman is cable of speaking in the same way as the Lord of Hosts speaks. This seemingly simple thing which the officers noticed needed to take place for Jesus to be the Messiah.

Jesus also spoke in the same way concerning other His sense of hearing in that "**The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.**"

The reason the Father sent out the Son of Man was a mission of death for Him. He knew that He would soon be forsaken of God. Even in this our Savior from sin was not rebellious or turn away from the mission in which He was sent. Paul said in Romans 5:7 "**For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.**"

That is the kind of attitude we have by nature. But because of the fact that Jesus was born by the Holy Spirit and was therefore fully God and fully man, Jesus was able to come through the temptations of Satan and the world without sin. He never turned His back on the Father and therefore never turned His back on going to the cross to die for every single one of your sins.

Our text even speaks of this sacrifice of the God-Man, **“I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.”** Isaiah first speaks of the willingness the Messiah would have by speaking the word of life to sinners. But Jesus had obedience to the Father in all things, even obedience to the point of death.

“Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.” (Mat. 27:26-31)

You shall never be put to shame because of the perfect obedience to the Father in suffering the shame which Isaiah spoke of. Jesus certainly and truly suffered through the things prophesied concerning Himself. You shall never be put to shame because Jesus willingly allowed Himself to be scourged when it was we who deserved the scourging. You shall never be put to shame because Jesus in loving obedience to His Father received blows to the face and a rod to the head to suffer for the sins we have committed. You shall never be put to shame because Jesus Christ the God-Man did not hide His face from the shame of being spat upon and mocked when the soldiers blasphemed His Holy name.

And you shall never be put to shame because, **“For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up.”**

Jesus suffered the shame of beatings, blasphemies, being spat upon, being scourged and crucified yet He knew that He went through all of these things without sin. Jesus’ words concerning His righteousness are revealed when He said of Himself, **“Who will contend with Me?”** What Jesus is saying in our text is who can stand before the judge and accuse Me of wrongdoing even though I chose to suffer this death? And our Savior reveals to us the confidence in His declarations when He says that He will stand with the Father. Jesus is effectively throwing down the gauntlet when He says, **“Let him come near Me.”** If you can charge Me with sin then come before the Father and give it a try.

But we know that Jesus suffered all things yet without sin. No one can condemn the active obedience (the keeping of the Law) of Jesus Christ. No one can condemn the passive obedience (His suffering and death) because the Father approved of all things that He sent His Son to do when He raised Him from the dead. And because of that you shall never be put to shame.

And finally my dear friends, **"Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God."**

You shall never stand ashamed because you fear the Lord. Obey the words of the voice of the Servant Jesus Christ when you fall upon the cross and trust in the perfect life and innocent death of the Only Begotten Son of God.

You shall never stand ashamed because you believe by the power of the Holy Spirit that you by nature do walk in darkness and sin much. We have no light within ourselves. When Satan comes before you and accuses you trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon your God. Tell Satan, the world and your flesh that I will never be put to shame because My God never did. Then be at peace knowing as Jesus did, who can accuse you? No one can because you are covered with the perfect righteousness of the God-Man Jesus Christ. Amen.