

Obeying the Words of Jesus

Isaiah 50

November 20, 2022

Sermon Sketch: In the third of the four Servant Songs of Isaiah's prophecy, the Lord challenges us to obey the voice of His Servant, that is Jesus....

- 1) How has the reminder that Jesus ever lives to intercede for you blessed your heart in the past week? (Isaiah 49 – Engraved on His Hands)
- 2) Who in your life do you look up to as a person who walks in close obedience to Jesus?
- 3) How does the fact that Jesus speaks the words that the Father gives Him (Isa. 50:4 and John 12:49) give added motivation to walk in obedience to the Lord's ways?
- 4) How does the obedience of Jesus to the Father ("turned not back" and Matt. 26:39) become a model for our own behavior?
- 5) How does the fulfillment of the prophetic words of verse 6 in the Passion narratives of the Gospels (Matt. 26:67 and 27:26 etc.) give you greater confidence as you consider other prophetic pronouncements that are as yet unfulfilled?
- 6) Proverbs 1 states clearly that the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (wisdom). Many passages speak about the need to "learn" the fear of the Lord (Deut. 4:10, 17:19 and 31:12 are just a few). How might you pursue an education in the fear of the LORD?
- 7) How is obedience to the LORD's precepts and principles (commandments) a means to learn reverence (fear) of God?
- 8) How, as New Testament followers of Jesus, are we to relate to God's commands (Matthew 5:17-20 and John 14:15)? How does grace (Ephesians 2:8-9) protect us from falling into legalism (Galatians 3:3)?
- 9) As a point of application, a number of Jesus' commands were listed: Love God – Matthew 22:37-38, Love neighbor – Matthew 22:39, Shine light – Matthew 5:16, Bear witness – Acts 1:8, Make disciples – Matthew 28:18-20, Give liberally – Luke 6:38 . How are you doing in each of these areas of obedience? What other commands of Jesus would you list?
- 10) How successful are you at being a doer of the Word (James 1:22)? How might the Holy Spirit empower you to do even more?