

“Are You Listening?”
Isaiah 50

1. God Calls People to Repentance through Discipline & Difficulty (v. 3)

DIVORCE

SLAVERY

Why did Israel go into exile? They were _____.

A repeated pattern: “gave them over” or “sent them away” – Jdgs 2:14; 3:8; 4:2; 10:7

See this also in Romans 1:24, 26, 28

How does God use suffering?

- A. As a tool to shape the life of a believer into the image of Christ and greater dependence upon him. (1 Pt 1:7)
- B. As a means of a means of discipline as loving correction of his children. (Heb 12:5-6)

What is lawlessness?

- C. As a megaphone to show people their need of him & call them to salvation in him.

Important to Remember – GOD DOES NOT CHANGE!

2. God Calls People to Obedience through the Example of His Servant (vv. 4-9)

SERVANT	ISRAEL
v. 4b – listens attentively v. 5a – learns the will of God v. 5b – follows in faithful obedience v. 6 – obeys even at the cost of suffering vv. 7-9 – confident faith in the Lord; rests in him	v. 1 – suffers for their own iniquity & rebellion v. 2a – disregards God’s call 49:14; v. 2b – questions/unconvinced of God’s love/care v. 2b – doubtful of God’s ability & rest in self

HELP THE WEARY (v. 4)

Jesus help to others – See Jn 4, Lk 5

Jesus humanity – See Mt 4; Jn 4:6-7; 11:34-35; Lk 22:41-44

Hebrews 4:15-16

LISTEN ATTENTIVELY (v. 4)

What is distracting you from God?

REBELLED & FACE LIKE FLINT (vv. 5, 7)

See Phil 2:8

American Christianity is a matter of convenience rather than a committed relationship to God.