Messianic Prophecies in Isaiah
Lesson 4 – The Servant Songs (Isa 50:4-11)

Introduction: Where does the Servant of God find His awesome strength?
A. The great task that God gave His Servant seemed impossible.
   1. The Servant was to bring back and reunite Israel. (Isa 49:5)
   2. He would unite Jew and Gentile! (Isa 49:6)
   3. The first seemed utterly impossible. This verse tells us that is nothing compared
to what God will do through His servant!
B. In this Servant song we find the true source of power of the Messiah.
   1. Jesus only does that which the Father does. (Jn 5:19)
   2. Jesus will do greater works as the Father wills. (Jn 5:20-21)
   3. The power to raise the dead and give life is given to the Son. (Jn 5:26-30)
I. The power of the Servant begins with His ear (Isa 50:4-5)
A. His tongue indeed was powerful. (Rev 1:16)
   1. He awed those who studied greatly. (Mt 13:54; Lk 2:46-47)
   2. He knew how to preserve those who were weak. (Isa 42:2-3)
      a. Powerful men tend to crush or dismiss the weak.
      b. Learned men may not know how to speak.
      c. Our Lord wants us to know His power and wisdom awaits us!
         (Mt 11:28-29)
      d. Is this how we use our tongues?
B. His tongue was guided by His ear.
   1. The Servant’s heart was opened to God. He really trusted God!
   2. It is a very risky thing to completely open your heart (ear) to another.
   3. If we would just truly listen then look at the power available to us.
      (Psa 119:99; 1 Thess 2:13)
C. Are you teachable?
   1. Are you willing to hear? (Mt 13:9, 14-15)
      a. This simple truth is ignored by many! (Prov 18:13; Acts 25:16)
      b. This is Satan’s first weapon in defeating the gospel. (Acts 17:5)
   2. Do you have a commitment to principle?
      a. Some make sincerity an end within itself. It is not. (Acts 23:1)
      b. Far too many “stand” where they do as a result of weighing
         consequences rather than weighing the truth.
   3. Are you maintaining that commitment?
      a. The worst listeners I have faced are Christians with great knowledge.
      b. Do you teach others? Are you teachable? (Rom 2:21-24)
II. The Servant had a mission in which He would never be ashamed. (Isa 50:6-7)
A. The mission God gave Him placed Him in harms way.
   1. He was scourged.
   2. He was slapped, had his hair pulled out and was spit upon. (Mt 26:67)
   3. He was placed in a terrible position of shame.
B. He was not in any way ashamed but determined.
   1. He had a face like flint. (Ezek 3:8-9)
   2. How many have tried to make you ashamed of what is right?
   3. Can you see what the disciples saw? (Lk 9:51-53; Jn 11:16)
   4. For what purpose has God placed you here on this earth?
C. His strength came in knowing God was with Him. (Psa 22:3-5, 10-11)
   1. There is great power in knowing you are living the will of God.
   2. Unbelievers will see this and ask questions. (1 Pt 2:11-12; 4:15-16)
D. Do not be ashamed of good things.
   1. The gospel. (Rom 1:16)
   2. Faithful Christians. (2 Tim 1:8)
   3. Of Christ and His will. (Luke 9:26)

III. The Servant’s opponents will never be feared. (Isa 50:8-9)
A. The Servant knows that God is near.
   1. Listen to another promise to the Messiah. (Psa 34:18-22)
   2. Do you have this kind of assurance? Do you sing the song: “Be with me Lord?” (1 Pt 3:12-16)
B. Three simple, obvious questions.
   1. Who will contend with Me?
   2. Who is My adversary?
   3. Who is he who will condemn Me?
   4. How does a human opponent stack up to God as an ally? (Rom 8:31-39)
C. Remember that Jesus faced these temptations and oppositions as a man.
   1. He too had to choose to build His relationship with God.
   2. It was that relationship that carried Him through adversity! (Heb 5:7-9)

IV. Piercing questions for every man (Isa 50:10-11)
A. Three questions:
   1. Who among you fears the LORD?
   2. Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
   3. Who walks in darkness and has no light?
B. If you can be absolutely honest with yourself then this Servant will help you.
   1. The fear of the Lord can open your heart (ear) to another path. (Prov 1:7)
   2. Obeying His voice will allow you to walk in wisdom and do His great work of building men
   3. Sadly many walk in darkness and refuse to admit it. (Jn 3:19-21)
C. The wicked provide their own “light.” (Isa 50:11)
   “In times of darkness and calamity, instead of trusting in God they would confide in their own resources, and endeavor to kindle a light for themselves in which they might walk. But the result would be, that they would find no comfort, and would ultimately under his hand lie down in sorrow.”

Conclusion: God will never let you be put to shame if you will trust Him.
   (Joel 2:26-27; Rom 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet 2:6)