

The Argument of 49:14-51:8

Speaker	Ref	
Zion ↔ Lord	49:14-26	Zion laments her desolation The Lord promises the return of her children and judgment on her enemies
Lord → Zion's Children	50:1-3	Their sin has caused Zion's desolation. Why will nobody respond to his call?
Servant	50:4-9	An Example of the Unheeded Call. His Mission: •4 "the tongue of the learned" •5-6 obedient though rejected •7-9 trusting the Lord for vindication
The Question •10: Isaiah; •11: Servant	50:10-11	10a The problem: walk in darkness 10b Right answer: trust in the Lord 11 Wrong answer: kindle your own flame
Servant	50:11-51:8	His Message: •51:1, 4, 7 "Hearken" to find "my righteousness"

50:10-11

Evidence for Speaker	Text	Theme
3rd person references to “the LORD” and “his servant” → neither God nor the Servant → Isaiah	10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant?	Cf. v. 2
	He that walketh in darkness, and hath no light,	Problem: darkness (cf. 9:2)
3rd person ref. to “the LORD” and “his God”	let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.	Correct solution: trust in the Lord
	11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled.	Wrong solution: create your own light
Judgment from “mine hand” → Divine person, NOT Isaiah	This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.	

51:1-8, Finding Righteousness and Salvation

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“Abraham, your father”

Rom 4:11 that he might be **the father of all them that believe**, though they be not circumcised;

Rom 4:16-18 ... Abraham; who is **the father of us all**,

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, **the same are the children of Abraham.**

Righteousness in Abraham's History

Gen 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for **righteousness**.

Gen 18:19 For I know him,

- [in order] that למען he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice [**righteousness**]

צדקה and judgment;

- that למען the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

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51:4-6, Gospel Outreach

<p>Isa 51:4-6 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation:</p>	<p>Those who have now found righteousness</p>
<p>for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.</p>	<p>God's Righteousness and Salvation are for all nations</p> <p>Isa 6:3 Holy, holy, holy, <i>is</i> the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory</p>
<p>6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.</p>	<p>God's Righteousness and Salvation are for all time</p> <p>Rev 4:8 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come</p>

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51:7 The people in whose heart is my law ...

New covenant?

Jer 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**

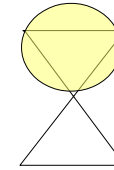
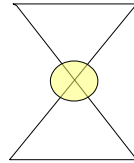
Also Old Covenant!

Psa 37:30-31 the righteous ... 31 **The law of his God is in his heart**; none of his steps shall slide.

Psa 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, **thy law is within my heart.**

Psa 119:11 **Thy word have I hid in mine heart**, that I might not sin against thee.

51:7-8, The Servant and his People



The Servant	His People
<p>49:7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, <i>and</i> his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers,</p> <p>50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.</p>	<p>51:7 fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings</p>
<p>50:9 lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.</p>	<p>51:8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool</p>