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 -	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"

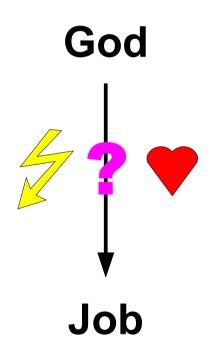
50:8-9 The Servant and Job

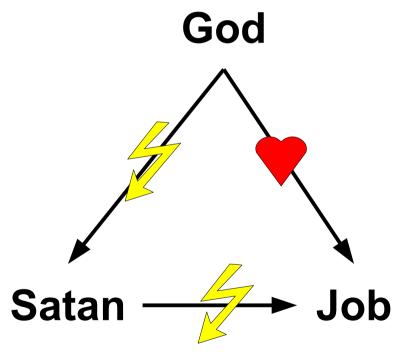
Job 13:18-28	Isa 50:8-9	
18 Behold now, I have ordered <i>my</i> cause; I know that I shall be justified. 19 Who <i>is</i> he <i>that</i> will plead with me?	8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary [master of my cause]? let him come near to me. 9 who is he that shall condemn me?	
28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.	lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.	

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It is God that justifieth.

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As in Acts 13:47 (Isa 49:6) and 26:16-18 (Isa 42:6-7), Paul applies Servant language to NT saints.

Progressive Revelation

Rom 8:33-34

- •Believers wrestle with sin in the flesh
- Our Judge is our Redeemer v. 34
- •God is for us v. 31
- •Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ vv. 38-39

1 Cor 12:27 etc.

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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

Invitation	Addressees	Advice
1 Listen to me	Ye that follow after righteousness Ye that seek the Lord	Look unto Abraham
4 Hearken to me give ear to me	My people my nation	God's R&S are for all people (4-5) and all time (6)
7 Listen to me	Ye that know righteousness The people in whose heart is my law	Do not fear opposition