

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
Isaiah 49:14–50:11 Sermon Outline Pastor Tom Zimbelman

Theme: Servant and Faithful Redeemer

Introduction

Judah is facing exile for centuries of blasphemy, betrayal, idolatry, and rejection of God's Word. God purifies His people, restores a remnant, and reveals their greater need: a righteous servant who restores them. In 49:14–50:11, God refutes the claim that He has forsaken them and reveals His faithful commitment through the coming servant.

1. God's Commitment: Isaiah 49:14–18

- *Judah cries, "the Lord has forsaken me," but God responds with a mother's compassion, yet even stronger.*
- *He inscribes His people on His hands; their walls are continually before Him.*
- *He has not abandoned them; they abandoned Him.*
- *The promised servant is the ultimate expression of this care.*

2. Transforming trials: Isaiah 49:19–21

- *God promises to fill the desolate places; the barren will become fruitful.*
- *Loss is replaced with abundance; what exile took, God restores.*
- *God gives more than His people could ever lose in following Him.*

3. Gathered by grace: Isaiah 49:22–26

- *God lifts His hand to the nations to bring His scattered people home.*
- *Even kings and queens will assist in Israel's restoration.*
- *The exile purifies, but God Himself redeems and gathers.*
- *The scattered tribes find unity again under God's sovereign restoration.*

4. Discipline, not Divorce: Isaiah 50:1–3

- *Judah accuses God of divorcing them or selling them off, but God denies it.*
- *They sold themselves through iniquity and transgression.*
- *Exile was discipline, not divorce.*

- *God retains full power and compassion to redeem.*

5. Servant Suffered Yet Unshaken: Isaiah 50:4-11

- *The servant listens morning by morning and speaks words that sustain the weary.*
- *He submits fully to the Father, obedient even into suffering.*
- *He is beaten, scourged, shamed, yet unshaken in resolve.*
- *His face is set like flint; He trusts the Father completely.*
- *He calls all who walk in darkness to trust in the name of the Lord.*
- *Those who trust in their own light will end in torment; those who trust in Him will find life.*

Scripture Cross References

Isaiah 49:14–50:11

Mark 10:29–30: *Assuredly... no one who has left family or lands for My sake and the gospel's... who shall not receive a hundredfold now... and in the age to come, eternal life.*

1 Kings 21:25: *“But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.”*

Matthew 11:28–29: *“Come to Me... and I will give you rest... and you will find rest for your souls.”*

John 8:29: *“The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”*

Matthew 26:39: *“Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”*

Matthew 26:67: *Jesus was beaten and spit upon by the Sanhedrin.*

Matthew 27:26: *Jesus is scourged by the Romans.*

John 19:1: *Pilate has Jesus scourged.*

Mark 8:38: *“Whoever is ashamed of Me... the Son of Man will be ashamed of him...”*

Romans 1:16: *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel... it is the power of God to salvation...”*

Romans 8:31: *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

Psalms 118:6: *“The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

Isaiah 54:17: *“No weapon formed against you shall prosper...”*

1 John 4:4: *“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

John 8:12: ***“I am the light of the world... he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness.”***