

I. God Wants You to Listen (1-2)

- A. He wants your full attention (1a) - “Listen **{listen, perceive, pay attention, understand, yield, obey}** to Me...”
- B. He wants your full affection (1b) - “...you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD...”
- C. He wants your full awareness (1c-2) - “...look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.”

II. God Wants You to Believe (3-5)

- A. Believe He will transform you (3a) - “For the LORD comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD...”
- B. Believe He will revive you (3b) - “...joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.”
- C. Believe He can instruct you (4) - “Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.”
- D. Believe He will lead you (5) - “My righteousness draws near **{purity}**; My salvation is gone out **{power}**, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait **{protection}**.”

III. God Wants You to Understand (6)

- A. Take time to ponder your world (6a) - “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath...”
- B. Recognize the temporary nature of what you see (6b) - “... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner...”
- C. Embrace what is permanent (6c) - “...but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

IV. God Wants You to Choose (7-8)

- A. Choose to be led by your Spirit controlled heart (7a) - “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law...” **{Holiness & Truth}**
- B. Choose loyalty to God over the fear of people (7b) - “...fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings.”
- C. Choose to believe that you are an overcomer (8) - “For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but My righteousness will be forever, and My salvation to all generations.”
Our enemies perish, but we live forever through God.