



**THE IMPORTANCE OF  
KNOWING GOD DAILY**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

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ISAIAH 50



Bible Study  
Isaiah 50:4-9

# Requests From Charles

While we are together

- Read or listen to the entire book of Isaiah at least once
- Read or listen to Isaiah chapter 50 once a day
- Share what you learn with your brothers and/or sisters
- Share what you learn with me



# Insights from Isaiah Reading

A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range during the 'golden hour' of sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, with wispy clouds catching the low light. Sunbeams, or crepuscular rays, are visible breaking through the clouds in the distance. The mountains in the foreground and middle ground are rugged, with some peaks covered in snow or light-colored rock. The valleys between the mountains are filled with mist or low-lying clouds, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted and natural, with the warm tones of the sky contrasting with the cooler blues and greys of the mountains and clouds.

# Review

# Member Question

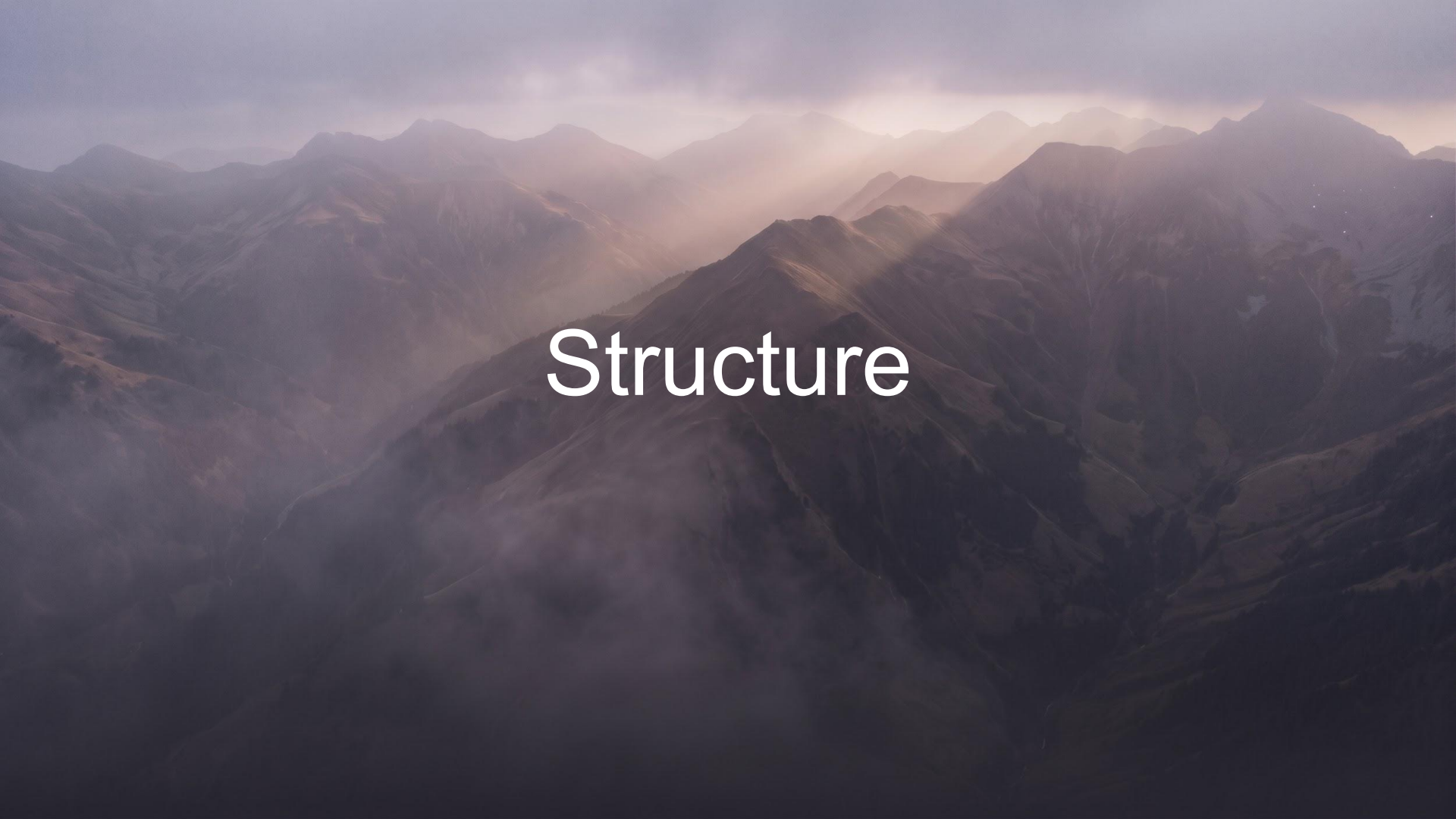
- *Isaiah 4:1: And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.*
- My answer: It was an indication of how bad things were
- A better answer: *Isaiah 3:25: Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war*
  - So many men will have fallen by war that there will not be enough for women to marry
  - So, they will be willing not to have the reproach of not being married

# Member Question

- **Psalms:** The Greek word *psalmos* means a sacred song and is especially associated with the Old Testament book of Psalms
- **Hymns:** The Greek word *hymnos* refers to a song of praise to God
- **Spiritual songs:** The Greek word *ōdē* is the broad word for a song
  - “*spiritual*” is connected to the Holy Spirit and the life he produces
  - Connection to Ephesians 5:18
    - (5:18-19) *...but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*
  - The passage in Colossians indicates the role of the Word in singing and how singing supports the Word dwelling in us.
    - (3:16) *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord*
- The distinctions are less important than the overall point—singing is part of the normal Christian life

# Distinctions in Services

- Sunday School
  - Applying the Word to life
  - **Doctrine** is implied and important; we are in the driver's seat
  - Ladies Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Inductive, Marriage (Multiple Teachers)
- Bible Study
  - Learning what the Word says
  - **System** and **doctrine** are both important; we are in the driver's seat
  - We can and should become better Bible students
- Sermon
  - You and I are not in the driver's seat
  - The Spirit of God impresses upon a man what needs to be taught and said
  - It is very difficult to fool yourself, and God can speak to you and me objectively
- All have a role in our discipleship

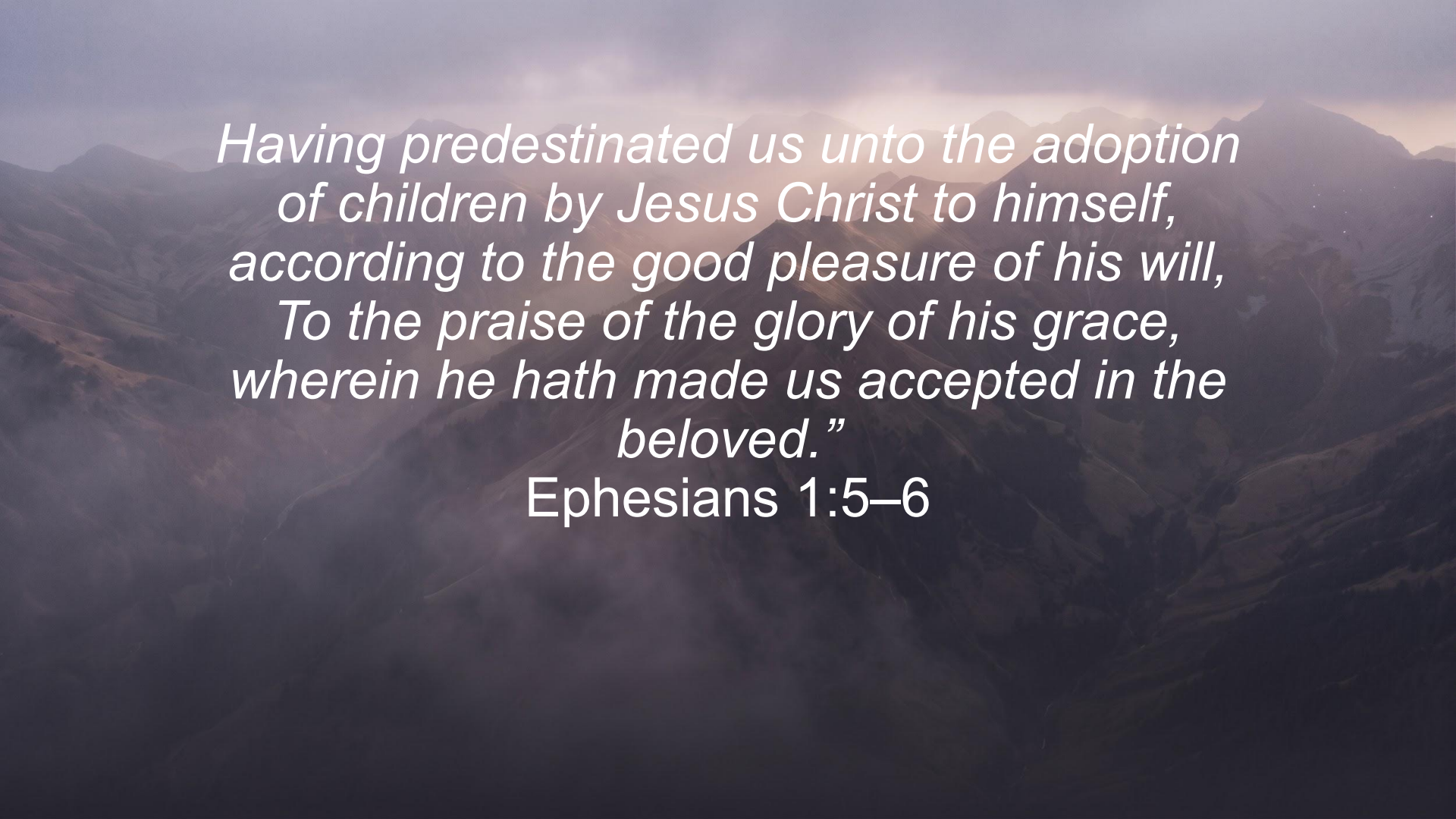
A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range during the 'blue hour' or 'golden hour'. The sky is a mix of deep blues and soft oranges from the low sun. Sunbeams (crepuscular rays) are visible, breaking through the clouds and illuminating the mountain peaks. The mountains are rugged, with some slopes appearing to have sparse vegetation or snow. The overall mood is serene and majestic. The word 'Structure' is centered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

# Structure

# Bible Plot Line (DA Carson)

## “The Gagging of God”

- The Bible has a message that the Holy Spirit has woven together
- 2 Peter 1:20–21 *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*
- John 5:39 *You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that **testify about me.***
- Locate Christ in your study
  - Is He and His work for us IN the passage?
  - Where is He and His work for us in relation to the passage?



*Having predestinated us unto the adoption  
of children by Jesus Christ to himself,  
according to the good pleasure of his will,  
To the praise of the glory of his grace,  
wherein he hath made us accepted in the  
beloved.”*

Ephesians 1:5–6

A dramatic landscape photograph of a mountain range. The scene is captured during the "golden hour" of sunrise or sunset, with a warm, hazy light filtering through the sky. The mountains are rugged, with steep slopes and sharp peaks. Some peaks are directly illuminated by the low sun, creating bright highlights and long, dark shadows that emphasize the terrain's texture. Other peaks are shrouded in a soft, white mist or low-hanging clouds, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones: deep blues and purples in the shadows, and warm oranges, yellows, and pinks where the light hits. The composition is centered, with the text overlaid on the middle ground.

# Structure of Isaiah 50

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- Studying Isaiah is challenging because
  - Not just one speaker
  - Not just one story
- Isaiah 50:1-3
  - Isaiah is writing
  - God is speaking – Note: **God**
  - The time is now
- Isaiah 50:4-9
  - Isaiah is writing
  - The Servant (Jesus) is speaking - Note: The **LORD God**
  - The time is the future
- Isaiah 50:10-11
  - Isaiah is writing
  - Isaiah is speaking – Note: **God**
  - The time is now

# One Application of 50:4-9

- Interpretation

- *...Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- *“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.”*  
— 1 Peter 2:23, KJV

- Christ was God’s ideal Servant
- He was perfectly in tune with the Father
- He spoke what He was told
- He was opposed and did not fight back
- He was determined to do the will of His father and entrusted His work and action to God
- So how do we apply this passage 4-9?