

Isaiah 50:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Analysis

The question 'Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant?' identifies the believing remnant. The condition 'that walketh in darkness, and hath no light' describes times when faith persists despite visible evidence. The command 'let him trust in the name of the LORD' prescribes response - not sight but faith. This establishes that genuine belief perseveres through darkness, not just prosperity.

Historical Context

Exiles who maintained faith despite temple's destruction and apparent divine absence demonstrated this trust. The principle applies to all 'dark night of the soul' experiences where God seems absent yet faith clings to His character and promises.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain trust in God's name when walking through literal or metaphorical darkness?
2. What is the difference between faith that requires visible evidence and faith that perseveres in darkness?

Interlinear Text

בְּקָרְבָּם	מִ	אֵיךְ	יְהִי	הַשְׁמָעָה	בְּקָרְבָּם
H4310	H0	Who is among you that feareth	of the LORD	that obeyeth	the voice
		H3373		H3068	
עַבְדֵּךְ	וְ	אֲשֶׁר	רֵא	אֲשֶׁר	רֵא
of his servant		H834	that walketh	H2825	in darkness
H5650		H1980		H369	
לֹא	נִגְהָן	אֵין	סְמִיכָה	יְמִינָה	לֹא
			that walketh		and hath no light
			H2825		H5051
בְּאֶלְפִּיךְ	וְ	יְהִי	וְיִשְׁעָה	וְ	בְּאֶלְפִּיךְ
let him trust	in the name	H3068	and stay	H430	upon his God
H982	H8034		H8172		

Additional Cross-References

John 12:46 (Faith): I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Hebrews 5:9 (Parallel theme): And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

John 8:12 (Light): Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Isaiah 9:2 (Light): The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Psalms 23:4 (Parallel theme): Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 25:14 (References Lord): The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Psalms 42:11 (References God): Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalms 28:7 (Faith): The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

1 Peter 5:7 (Parallel theme): Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Job 29:3 (Light): When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;