

Isaiah 50:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

Analysis

The Servant's claim 'The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned' describes His teaching ministry with divine authority. The purpose 'that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary' shows pastoral care for the exhausted. The daily empowerment 'he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned' depicts continual divine instruction, anticipating Jesus' practice of pre-dawn prayer (Mark 1:35).

Historical Context

Isaiah received this prophetic gifting, but Jesus perfectly embodies this - His words uniquely comforted the burdened (Matthew 11:28) while confounding the proud. The daily 'wakening' shows that even God incarnate maintained dependent communion with Father.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus speak 'a word in season' to your weary soul through Scripture and Spirit?
2. What does Jesus' daily communion with Father teach about your need for morning devotion?

Interlinear Text

אֲדָנִי יְהוָה נָתַן לִי לִשׁוֹן כְּלֻמוֹדִים:	
The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue as the learned	
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לֵדַע עַת לֵעַ וְת אֶת יְעָר דְּבַר ר	
that I should know how to speak in season to him that is weary a word	
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יְעָר יִר בִּבְּ קָר בִּבְּ קָר יְעָר יִר לִי אֶזֶן לִשְׁמָעַע	
he wakeneth by morning by morning he wakeneth mine ear to hear	
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כְּלֻמוֹדִים:	
as the learned	
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 21:15 (Parallel theme): For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Jeremiah 1:9 (Word): Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Proverbs 25:11 (Word): A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Psalms 119:147 (Word): I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Proverbs 15:23 (Word): A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

Psalms 143:8 (Parallel theme): Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Psalms 5:3 (References Lord): My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Matthew 11:28 (Parallel theme): Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 13:54 (Parallel theme): And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Luke 4:22 (Word): And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?