

Isaiah 50:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious,
neither turned away back.

Analysis

The confession 'The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious' depicts willing obedience in contrast to Israel's rebellion (48:8). The phrase 'neither turned away back' shows perseverance despite opposition. This anticipates Hebrews 5:8 - Christ 'learned obedience by the things which he suffered' - not that He was disobedient, but that His obedience was tested and proved perfect through trials.

Historical Context

Every prophet faced the temptation to quit when persecuted. The Servant's non-rebellion anticipates Jesus' Gethsemane submission ('not my will, but thine') and His refusal to avoid the cross though He could have called angels (Matthew 26:53).

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. In what areas are you tempted to 'turn away back' from God's clear direction due to opposition?

2. How does Christ's perfect obedience through suffering motivate your perseverance in lesser trials?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	פָּתַח	לִי	אֶזְנוֹ	וְאָנֹכִי	לֹא
The Lord	hath opened	mine ear			
H136	H6605	H0	H241	H595	H3808
וְאֲנִי	לֹא	אָחֹזְרָה	וְאֲנִי	לֹא	אָסִיף
and I was not rebellious	back		neither turned away		
H4784	H268	H3808	H5472		

Additional Cross-References

John 14:31 (Parallel theme): But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Hebrews 5:8 (Parallel theme): Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Isaiah 35:5 (Parallel theme): Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Philippians 2:8 (Parallel theme): And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

John 15:10 (Parallel theme): If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

John 8:29 (Parallel theme): And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Isaiah 48:8 (Parallel theme): Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

Matthew 26:39 (Parallel theme): And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Acts 26:19 (Parallel theme): Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

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