

ISAIAH 51

All Poetry

Verse 1

Harken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness,
Harken unto me, ye that seek the Lord.

(Followers of Righteousness – Followers of Righteous Davidic King – Christ’s Law -
Righteousness - See Romans 10: 1-4; 1 Cor. 1:27-31; Philip 3: 8-9)

A Look unto the *rock* whence ye are hewn,
B Look unto the hole of the pit (*quarry*) whence ye are digged.

Verse 2

(and)

A Look unto *Abraham* your father,
B Look unto *Sarah* that bare you.

(for)

I called him alone,
I blessed him and I increased him.

(and)

(Images of Abrahamic Covenant follow in coming verses:
1. Covenant of Eternal / Numerous Posterity)

Verse 3

(For)

The Lord shall comfort Zion,
He will comfort all her waste places.

(and)

He will make her wilderness like Eden,
He will make her desert like the Garden of the Lord.

Joy and gladness shall be found therein,
Thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

(2. Covenant of Promised Land)

Verse 4

(and)

Hearken unto me, My People,
Give ear unto me, O My Nation.

(for)

A law shall proceed from me,
I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

(and)

Verse 5

*My righteousness is near,
My salvation is gone forth.*

(and)

Mine arms shall judge the people,
The isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

(3. Covenant that Abraham’s descendants will be a blessing to all nations)

(Descendants of Abraham will bring the Law of the Lord and Righteous Judgment – Righteousness and Salvation – God’s Arm(s) – Righteous David King – Lord’s Servants – Prophets/Leaders in Israel)

Verse 6

A Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
(and) B Look upon the earth beneath.
(For) A The heavens shall (may) vanish away like smoke,
(and) B The earth shall (may) wax old like a garment.
(and) A They that dwell therein shall (may) die,
B They shall (may) die (like vermin).
But, my salvation shall be everlasting, (Gileadi trans.)
(and) *But, my righteousness shall not be abolished.*

Verse 7

(Know God’s Law -
Do Not Fear Men vs. 7-8)

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness,
Hearken unto me, the people in whose heart is my law.
Fear ye not the reproach of men,
Neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

Verse 8

(For) The moth shall (may) eat them up like a garment,
(and) The worm shall (may) eat them like wool. (see Isa. 50:9)
(and) *But, my righteousness shall be for ever,*
But, my salvation shall be from generation to generation.

(See similar examples of this Hebrew Expression in vs. 6 and vs. 8 – Is. 40: 30-31, Is. 49: 15-16)

Verse 9

A Awake, Awake!
B Put on strength, O arm of the Lord.
A Awake, (Bestir yourselves)!
B As in the ancient days, in the generations of old.
(and) Art thou not it (the people) that hath cut Rahab? (Egypt)
Art thou not it (the people) that hath wounded the dragon? (Pharoah?)

Verse 10

Art thou not it (the people) which hath dried the sea, the
waters of the great deep?
Art thou not it (the people) which hath made the depths of the
sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

(Reference to Moses and the Children of Israel – Exodus from Egypt – In the Last Days –
Rahab/The Proud/Great and Spacious Building – Dragon/Leviathan – See Isaiah 27:1 – New
Exodus to Zion)

Verse 11

(Therefore) (Let) the redeemed of the Lord return!
(and) (Let) the redeemed of the Lord come with singing unto Zion and
(crowned with) everlasting joy upon their heads.

- (and) They shall obtain gladness and joy,
Sorrow and mourning shall flee away.
- Verse 12
(Know God's Love -
Do Not Fear Men)
- I, even I, am He that comforteth you:**
- Who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die?
- (or) Who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of the son of man which shall be made as (turned into) grass?
- Verse 13 (And)
(Know God's Creations-
Do Not Fear Men vs. 13-14)
- Forgettest (thou) the Lord, thy Maker:**
- That hath stretched forth the heavens,
That hath laid the foundations of the earth.
- (and)
- (and) **(Thou) hast feared continually every day:**
- Because of the fury of the oppressor,
Because he (readies himself) to destroy.
- Verse 14 (and)
- Where is the fury of the oppressor?
The captive exile (Israel) hasteneth that he may be loosed:**
- (and that) He should not die in the pit,
Nor should he die (because) his bread should fail.
- Verse 15 (But)
(Know God's Power -
Do Not Fear Men vs. 15-16)
- I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared.
The Lord of Hosts is his (my) name.
- Verse 16 (And)
(and)
- I have put my words in thy mouth,
I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand.
- (and)
- That I may (re)plant the heavens and the foundations of the earth,
That I may say unto Zion, "Thou art my people."
- Verse 17
- Awake, Awake!:**
- Stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury.
Stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.
- Verse 18
- There is none to guide her (home) among all the sons whom she hath brought forth.
There is none that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

Verse 19

These two things are come unto thee:

(and) Desolation and Destruction – Who shall be sorry for thee?
Famine and The Sword – By whom shall I comfort thee?

Verse 20

Thy sons have fainted,
They lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net.

They are full of fury of the Lord,
They are full of the rebuke of thy God.

Verse 21

Therefore, hear now this:

Thou afflicted,
Thou drunken, but not with wine.

(Drunken on God's punishments)

Verse 22

(and) **Thus saith *Thy Lord*,
Thus saith *The Lord*,
Thus saith *Thy God*, that pleadeth the cause of his people:**

“Behold, I have taken out of thine hand:

The cup of trembling,
Even the dregs of the cup of my fury.

(and) **Thou shalt no more drink of it again,
I will put it in the hand of them that afflict thee:**

(and) Which have said to thy soul, ‘Bow down, that we may go over’,
(Which have) laid thy body as the ground *(prostrate)*, and as the street,
to them that went over.”