

## ISAIAH 50

### All Poetry

Servant Song #3, Vs. 4-9 – Political and Religious Servant of the Latter-Days - Speaking to a sinful group in Israel (Servant here is a Davidic King or Joseph type figure, Christ in the Meridian of Times)

### Verse 1

**Thus saith the Lord:**

**A** Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement  
whom I have put away?

(or) **B** Which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you?

(The Lord has not divorced Israel, His "Bride". The Lord assures Israel that he has also not sold the "Children" of Israel into slavery. In ancient Israel, a creditor could take a debtor's children and sell them into slavery to pay a debt – See Ex. 21:7-8; 2 Kgs. 4; 1Neh.5:1-5, UI Pg. 438)

**Behold:**

(and) **B** For your iniquities have ye sold yourselves,  
**A** For your transgressions is your mother put away.

### **A** Verse 2

(Lord's Hand)

Wherefore when I came, was there no man?  
Wherefore when I called, was there none to answer?

(See Alma 10:6 – Amulek's description of his unwillingness to hear the words of the Lord and his initial unwillingness to follow righteousness.)

(or) Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem?  
Have I no power to deliver?

**Behold:**

At my rebuke, I dry up the sea,  
At my rebuke, I make the rivers a wilderness.

(and) Their fish stinketh, because there is no water,  
Their fish dieth for thirst.

### **B** Verse 3

(People's Darkness) (and)

I clothe the heavens with blackness,  
I make sackcloth their covering.

(Covering the Heavens – Darkening the Heavens – Lack of Revelation – D&C 112: 23)



A Verse 11  
(Lord's Hand)

**Behold:**

A All ye that kindle a fire,

B All ye that compass yourselves about with sparks.

A Walk in the light of your fire,

(and)

B Walk in the sparks that ye have kindled.

(Those who want "sparks" and not "light" – Those who want their own fires instead of the light of the Lord.)

**This shall ye have of mine hand:**

*Ye shall lie down in sorrow!*