

“Given Me”

Isaiah 50 – Part 1 (v.4)

WE HAVE A GIVING GOD. v.4: *The LORD GOD has given me...*

1. God has given you LIFE itself.

- Job 33:4: *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*
- Acts 17:25: *...he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*

2. God has given you a PERSONALITY and a sense of BEING.

- Psalm 139:13-14: *For you formed by inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

→ God made you in a unique, personal way.

- God made you uniquely with talents, gifts, abilities. God also made you with inabilities and shortcomings.

3. God has given you a LIFE STORY.

- He planned out your moments and days ahead of time.
- Psalm 139:16: *All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

→ Yes, this includes everything; the good, the bad, and the ugly.

4. God has given you a SOUL.

- You don't merely exist in physical, mental, and personal realms. You are part of a spiritual realm.
- In the New Testament, Jesus tells us some things about our souls...
- Matt. 22:37: *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

→ Your soul was made to love God.

-At the end of my life: God says, "Your soul was made to love Me. How has it gone?"

- Mark 8:36: *For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?*

→ There are things that compete with your soul's first love. Distractions, temptations, allure of wealth, allure of the world.

→ There are not only false "prophets" but there are false "profits" in the world.

- Matthew 11:28-29: *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

→ Your soul was made not only to love God, but to find REST in Jesus.

5. God has given you his SON, Jesus Christ. John 3:16

- Romans 8:32: *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all...*
- John 3:27: *John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven."*
- Luke 12:48b: *From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.*

→ You have a Maker, a God, a Lord, a KING. You are not your own. It is an illusion to think that you are your own ruler!

- Everybody serves a master—only question is: Who is it? What is it?
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*