

Appointment with God—Research

Questions:

- ⇒ What we really need is God!
- ⇒ On a continual quest for God--searching, asking questions
- ⇒ Are you ready to seek God? Too lazy? Willing to apply yourself?
- ⇒ God you are so important, I want to spend time with You!

- 1) Who? -- Jesus and His Presence!
- 2) Why? -- Our desperate need of Him and His Help and Guidance.
- 3) When? -- set a definite time.
- 4) Where? -- set a permanent place.
- 5) What? -- to study, worship, word, prayer, meditate.
- 6) How? -- walking and talking; praying out loud.

Review:

- * Set as a priority -- we have time for everything else
- * Put on your to-do-list -- written or mental
- * Block out as special -- Jesus is the most important Person in your life!
- * Show up -- Did you do it?

In the Morning

by Ralph Cushman

I met God in the morning,
When my day was at its best.
And His presence came like sunrise
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered.
All day long He stayed with me.
And we sailed with perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I, too, had loosed the moorings
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a troubled way,
You must seek God in the morning
If you want Him through the day.

I. Seeking God - Other OT Scriptures:

Gen 19:27-28--And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. (NKJ)

Exod 14:24-29--Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. And **He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty;** and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; **and when the morning appeared,** the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. (NKJ)

Exod 16:2-3(NKJ)--Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel **complained** against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. *[Absence of being with God—QT]*
And the children of Israel said to them,
"Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt,
when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full!
For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."
4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you.
And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day,
that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. *[The first test we have to pass is QT]*
5-6 "And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in,
and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."
Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel,
"At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt.
7-8 "And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD;
for He hears your complaints against the LORD.
But what are we, that you complain against us?"
Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? **Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD.**"
9-10 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel,
'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.'
Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and **behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.**
11-12 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'
13-14 So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp,
and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.
15-16 So when the children of Israel saw it, **they said to one another, "What is it?"**
For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them,
"This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.
This is the thing which the LORD has commanded:
'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent."
17-18 And the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less.
So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing over,
and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.
19 And Moses said, "**Let no one leave any of it till morning.**"

- 20 Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses.
But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank.
 And Moses was angry with them.
- 21 **So they gathered it every morning,** every man according to his need.
And when the sun became hot, it melted.
- 32 Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded:
 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed
 you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"
- 33 And Moses said to Aaron, "**Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it,
 and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.**"
- 34 As the LORD commanded Moses, **so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony,** to be kept.
[Ark = 10 commandments; Aaron's rod that budded; and a pot of manna—Jesus sits on the lid]

Exod 33:7(NKJ)--Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp,
 and called it the **tabernacle of meeting.**
 And it came to pass that **everyone who sought the LORD** went out to the tabernacle of meeting
which was outside the camp.

- 8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose,
 and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.
- 9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle,
that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle,
 and the LORD talked with Moses.
- 10 **All the people saw the pillar of cloud** standing at the tabernacle door,
and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door.
- 11 **So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.**
 And he would return to the camp,
 but his servant **Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.**

Exod 29:39 -- "The one lamb you shall offer **in the morning,**
 and the other lamb you shall **offer at twilight;** (NAS)

Exod 34:1-2--And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write
 on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. **"So be ready in the morning,
 and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai,** and present yourself to Me there on the top of the
 mountain.

1 Sam 1:19--Then they arose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD,
 and returned again to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and the
 LORD remembered her. (NAS)

2 Sam 23:1-4 --Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; thus says the
 man raised up on high, **the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel:** "The Spirit
 of the LORD spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel
 spoke to me: 'He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. **And he shall be like the
 light of the morning when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, like the tender grass springing
 out of the earth, by clear shining after rain.**' (NKJ)

2 Chr 26:5--"and **as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.**" (NKJ)

Job 1:5--And it came about, when the days of feasting had completed their cycle, that Job would send
 and consecrate them, **rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings** {according to} **the
 number of them all;** for Job said, "**Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.**" Thus Job
 did continually. (NAS)

Ps 5:1--Give ear to my words, O LORD, **consider my sighing.**

- 2 **Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.**

3 **In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.**

Ps 5:3--My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up. (NKJ)

4 You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.

5 The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

6 You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

7 **But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.**

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies--
make straight your way before me.

9 Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.

10 Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

11 **But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.**

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

12 **For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (NIV)**

Ps 16:7--I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons. (NKJ)

Ps 30:4-5--Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, his favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. (NKJ)

Ps 42:8--The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me-- a prayer to the God of my life. (NKJ)

Ps 55:17--Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.

Ps 59:16--But as for me, I shall sing of Thy strength; yes, I shall joyfully sing of Thy lovingkindness in the morning, for Thou hast been my stronghold, and a refuge in the day of my distress. (NAS)

Ps 63:1--O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. (NKJ)

shachar (shaw-khar') [7836] = primitive root; properly, to dawn, i.e.

to be up early at any task (with the implication of earnestness)

a) to seek early, to look early

b) to look for diligently, or to seek earnestly

Ps 63:6--When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. (NKJ)

Ps 88:13--But to You I have cried out, O LORD, and in the morning my prayer comes before You. (NKJ)

Ps 92:1-2--It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night, (NKJ)

Ps 110:3 -- Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of Your youth. (NKJ)

Ps 110:3 -- Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth. (NIV)

Ps 119:62--At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments. (NKJ)

Ps 130:6--My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. (NIV)

Ps 141:2--May my prayer be counted as incense before Thee; **the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering**. (NAS)

Ps 143:7--Answer me speedily, O LORD; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. **Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning**, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. (NKJ)

Prov 8:34-36(NIV)--Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death." *[Disciple = discipline]*

Prov 8:34-36(NKJ)--Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, & obtains favor from the LORD. But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death."

Prov 8:34-36(TLB)--Happy is the man who is so anxious to be with me that he watches for me daily at my gates, or waits for me outside my home! For whoever finds me finds life and wins approval from the Lord. But the one who misses me has injured himself irreparably. Those who refuse me show that they love death."

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**Prov 20:12-13(NKJ)--**The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made them both. Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with bread.

**Song 1:4--"Draw me after you and let us run together!** The king has brought me into his chambers."  
**"We will rejoice in you and be glad; we will extol your love more than wine.**  
Rightly do they love you." (NAS)

**Song 2:1--**"I am the rose of Sharon, **the lily of the valleys**." (NAS)

**Song 2:4--**"He has brought me to {his} banquet hall, **and his banner over me is love**. (NAS)

**Song 2:16--"My beloved is mine, and I am his;** He pastures {his flock} among the lilies. (NAS)

**Song 4:7--**"You are altogether beautiful, my darling, and **there is no blemish in you**. (NAS)

**Song 4:15--**"You are a garden spring, a well of fresh water, and streams flowing from Lebanon." (NAS)

**Isa 5:12--**You furnish lovely music at your grand parties; the orchestras are superb!

**But for the Lord you have no thought or care.** (TLB)

**Isa 11:2 --** And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the **spirit of wisdom and understanding**, the spirit of **counsel and strength**, the spirit of **knowledge and the fear of the LORD**.

3 And He will **delight in the fear of the LORD**, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; (NAS)

**Isa 26:9-10 --With my soul I have desired [yearned for] You in the night, yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;** for when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let grace be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. (NKJ)

**Isa 26:20-21--**Go, my people, **enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by**. See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer. (NIV)

**Isa 30:18**--Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him. (NAS)

**Isa 33:2**--O LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress. (NIV)

**Isa 40:28**--Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,

31 **But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.** (NKJ)

**Isa 50:4-7**-- {See appendix below)

**Isa 64:7a** --there is, no one who calls on Thy name who arouses himself to take hold of Thee; (NAS)

**Isa 64:7** -- No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. (NIV)

**Jer 4:22**--"For My people are foolish, they know me not; they are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, but to do good they do not know." (NAS)

**Jer 15:16**--Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts. (NAS)

**Lam 2:19** --"Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street." (NKJ)

**Lam 3:22**--Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" (NKJ)

**Lam 3:25-26**--The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of the LORD. (NAS)

**Lam 3:25-26**--The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. (NIV)

**Lam 3:25-26**--The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for him, to those who seek for him. It is good both to hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (TLB)

**Hosea 6:1-3**--Come, and let us return to the LORD; for He has torn, but He will heal us; he has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; he will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth. (NKJ)

**Hosea 6:4** -- "O Ephraim and Judah, what shall I do with you?

For your love vanishes like morning clouds, and disappears like dew. (TLB)

**Hosea 8:12** -- I have written for him the great things of My law, but they were considered a strange thing. (NKJ)

## II. Seeking God - N.T. Scriptures:

**\*\*Matt 4:4**--But He answered and said, "It is written, `Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (NKJ)

**Mark 16:1**--Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 **Very early in the morning**, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" (NKJ)

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Acts 4:13(NIV)--When they saw the **courage** of Peter and John and realized that they were **unschooled, ordinary men**, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13(NKJ)--Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were **uneducated and untrained men**, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13(TLB)--When the Council saw the **boldness** of Peter and John and could see that they were **obviously uneducated non-professionals**, they were amazed and realized what being with Jesus had done for Them!

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**Acts 5:18(NKJ)**--and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

21 **And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught.**

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Rom 3:10-12 -- As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

11 There is none who understands; **there is none who seeks after God.**

12 They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one." (NKJ)

Rom 3:10-12 -- As the Scriptures say, "No one is good-- no one in all the world is innocent."

11 **No one has ever really followed God's paths or even truly wanted to.**

12 Every one has turned away; all have gone wrong.

No one anywhere has kept on doing what is right; not one. (TLB)

Rom 3:16-18 -- ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know.

There is no fear of God before their eyes." (NIV)

Rom 3:16-18--Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known.

There is no fear of God before their eyes." (NKJ)

Rom 3:16-18--Wherever they go they leave misery and trouble behind them, and they have never known what it is to feel secure or enjoy God's blessing.

They care nothing about God nor what he thinks of them. (TLB)

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**2 Cor 3:18(NIV)** -- And we, **who with unveiled faces** all reflect the LORD's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

**2 Cor 3:18(NKJ)** -- But we all, **with unveiled face**, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

**2 Cor 3:18(TLB)** -- **But we Christians have no veil over our faces;**

**we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord.**

And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.

4:1 It is God himself, in his mercy, who has given us this wonderful work [of telling his Good News to others], **and so we never give up.**

**2 Cor 4:6**--for God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.** (NAS)

**2 Cor 4:16**--Therefore **we do not lose heart.** Though outwardly we are wasting away, **yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.** (NIV)

**2 Cor 4:16**--Therefore **we do not lose heart.** Even though our outward man is perishing, **yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.** (NKJ)

**2 Cor 4:16**--That is why **we never give up.** Though our bodies are dying, **our inner strength in the Lord is growing every day.** (TLB)

**2 Cor 5:8-9**--We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **So we make it our goal to please him,** whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. (NIV)

**2 Cor 11:3**--But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, **your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.**(NAS)  
**2 Cor 11:3--corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ.**(ASV)

**2 Cor 11:3**--But I am frightened, fearing that in some way you will be **led away from your pure and simple devotion to our Lord,** just as Eve was deceived by Satan in the Garden of Eden. (TLB)

## Appendix Jesus' Secret was seeking!

**Mark 1:35-38**--**Now in the (early) morning, having risen a long while before daylight (while it was still dark),** He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." (NKJ)

**Luke 21:37-38**--And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. **Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.** (NKJ)

**John 8:1-3**--But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. **Now early in the morning He came again into the temple,** and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

4-5 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. "Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

6-7 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

8-9 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10--12 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (NKJ)

**John 21:3**--Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

4-6 **But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore**; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

**Isa 50:4**--"The Lord GOD has given Me **the tongue of the learned** [*of a disciple*], that I should know how to **speak a word in season to him who is weary** [*to sustain the weary one with a word*]. **He awakens Me morning by morning**, **He awakens My ear to hear** as the learned [*to listen as a disciple*]. (NKJ)

**Isa 50:5**--**The Lord GOD has opened My ear**; **and I was not rebellious** [*not disobedient*], **nor did I turn away** [*nor did I turn back*]. (NKJ)

**Isa 50:6-7**--"I gave [*offered*] My back to those who **struck** [*beat*] **Me**, and My cheeks to those who **plucked out** [*pulled out*] **the beard**; I did not hide My face from **shame** [*humiliation, mocking*] **and spitting**. For the Lord GOD will help Me; **therefore I will not be disgraced**; **therefore I have set My face like a flint**, and I know that I will not be ashamed [*not be put to shame*]. (NKJ)

*{Lord Jesus, let this be my secret also!}*