

Three Kinds of Darkness and Jesus

Isaiah 50:4–11

Three Kinds of Darkness

- the darkness of life without God (11)
- the darkness some Christians bring on themselves
- the darkness some faithful Christians experience (10)

Jesus and Darkness

- He has learned the words to help us in darkness (4–5)
- He has willingly suffered ultimate darkness (6)
- He shows that trust in God brings eventual light (7–9)

Darkness and Us

- We can try to make our own light — but we need to know where that will eventually lead (11)
- We can decide to trust in Christ — in spite of the darkness (10)
 - Turning to Christ from whatever *might* have made our lives dark
 - Focusing on the character, work, power and promises of Christ — not our difficulties or feelings
 - Realizing that God has his purposes for us — even if we can't see them
 - Continuing in prayer, worship, bible reading, obedience and service — as much as we can
 - Opening ourselves each morning to the word God has for us — or for others
 - Being supportive of others in darkness — as God is
 - Deciding to wait patiently for God's light to return— because IT WILL
 - Focusing on Christ as much as we can.....