

## **“God’s Light is better than Our Fires”**

Isaiah 50:10-11

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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**Introduction:** The last two verses in Isaiah chapter fifty describe two groups of people.

1. Those who live depending on God and admit their need for His guidance (50:10).
2. Those who try to manufacture their own guidance and feel no need for God’s direction (50:11). They live in the light of their own sparks and will ultimately end in torment.

Hopefully, you are in the first group depending on God and admitting your need for His guidance.

Now when things happen that you do not understand, and all of us experience that, God’s light is better than our fires. God’s way brings comfort. The advice the world gives, however sincere, gives little comfort.

### **The world’s comfort:**

1. “Grin and bear it.”
2. “When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.”
3. “Cheer up. Things could get worse.”

**T.S.** The Bible gives better comfort.

### **God’s comfort:**

The man in Isaiah 50:10 feared and obeyed God, but the Bible says that he walked in darkness (50:10).

**Application:** “Darkness” can and does come to a child of God when he is living and doing right.

**Illustration:** Joseph and Job are biblical examples. Some of the best Christian people I have known have experienced “darkness.”

**Question:** What do we do when “darkness” comes into our life?

**Answer:** Apply Isaiah 50:10

- “Trust in the name of the Lord, and rely upon God” (50:10).
- The word “rely” means “to lean upon God.”
- Your other choice is to “light your own fires” (50:11).

**Application:** One mistake we often make when going through “dark times” is to try and explain what we do not understand.

**Illustration:** Christians don’t live by explanations. Christians live by promises.

**Application:** Another mistake we often make when going through “dark times” is to try and make things happen. We try to manufacture the solution. This is a “fire” that you do not want to light.

**Illustration:** Life is like a “home repair” project. Doing a home repair you say to yourself, “I will make it fit.” Trying to make it fit, you break it. Life is that way.

**Conclusion:** God’s light is better than our “fires.” Relying on God is better than lighting our “fires.”