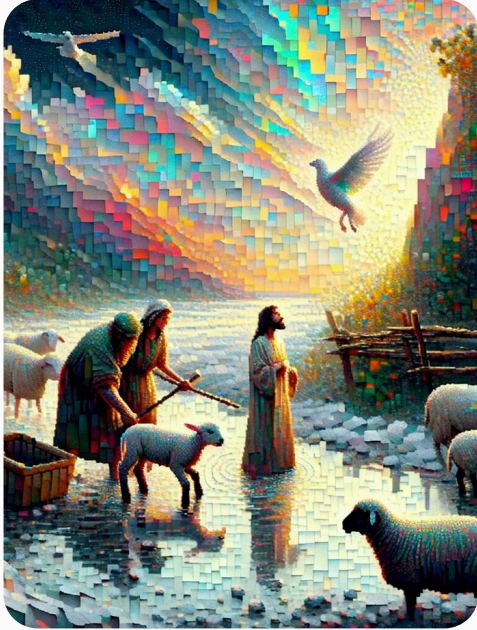


OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH



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***He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the
slaughter, and as a sheep
before its shearers is silent, so
he did not open his mouth.***

This prophecy is fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ, revealing the depth of His obedience, the perfection of His submission to God's will, and the demonstration of divine righteousness in the face of human injustice.

At His arrest and during His trials before the Jewish authorities and Pilate, Jesus exemplifies this prophetic silence. Matthew 26:62-63 says, ***And the high priest arose and said to Him, 'Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?' BUT JESUS KEPT SILENT. And the high priest answered and said to Him, 'I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!'*** At this point, Jesus offered no defense against the charges of blasphemy. Mark 15:3-5 records that the chief priests accused Him vehemently, yet Jesus answered nothing, leaving His vindication to God. Luke 23:9 further emphasizes His restraint, as Herod sought a sign from Him, and Jesus gave him no answer. John 18:19-23 depicts a similar scenario, highlighting that even under interrogation by Pilate, He did not resist or retaliate.

In 1 Peter 2:21-23, Peter exhorts believers to follow Christ's example of suffering for righteousness, noting that, ***when they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.*** This silent endurance is intrinsically linked to Christ bearing the weight of human sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), thereby reconciling humanity to God.

Isaiah introduces the lamb imagery, and John emphasizes it with John the Baptist identifying Jesus as *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world* (John 1:29), a title that resonates with the sacrificial lamb motif of Isaiah 53:7. This typology points to Christ's voluntary and unresisting suffering as an atoning act, foreshadowed in the Passover lamb whose blood spared the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 12:1-13).

Romans 8:3-4 indicates that God sent His Son *in the likeness of sinful flesh... to condemn sin in the flesh*, suggesting that His silence was active participation in the divine plan of atonement rather than passive resignation.

Hebrews 12:2 exhorts us to fix our eyes on Jesus, *who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame*, emphasizing both the intentionality and the triumph inherent in Christ's silent suffering. Revelation 5:6 portrays the Lamb standing as though slain, reinforcing the eternal significance of His submission and the ultimate vindication of His mission.

Jesus Christ's silent endurance before His accusers exemplifies perfect obedience, sacrificial love, and the triumph of God's redemptive plan. His silence is not weakness but deliberate submission, ensuring the accomplishment of salvation for us.

Ask God to:

1. form in you a heart that yields to God's will without resistance.
2. help you to bear hardship with dignity, patience, and confidence in God's justice.
3. clothe you with humility, that you may reflect Jesus' meekness before a hostile world.



Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!
Rev. Luke Haisa



REVELATION 5:6