

Isaiah 53

The Suffering Servant and the Subsequent Glory

Introduction

700 Years BC, Isaiah looks like a present eye witness to the happenings of the Passion of the Christ

Main Idea of Isaiah 53

The Messiah, God's Servant Who Suffered and Died, and was Buried, Was Resurrected from the Dead, All as a Substitutionary Atonement, Justifying Many Sinners and Giving them a Share in His Glory.

The Servant of God Would Be Rejected (vv 1-3)

1. The Servant did Suffer Physically (**Isaiah 52:14**)
2. He also would suffer mentally
 - a. Despised and Rejected
 - b. An Outcast and Forsaken by His Own People
 - c. Abandoned, even By those Close to Him
 - d. Without Majesty or Beauty

The Servant of God Would Be A Substitute (vv 4-6)

1. Jesus was the Substitutionary Atonement = He Paid for the Penalty for Our Sins
2. Jesus is the Sin Bearer
 - a. Irony: In Our Treatment of Jesus, He Works as a Suffering Servant on Our Behalf
 - b. He Bore Our Grievs and Sickness – Sin Effects the Mind and Body (**Psalm 32:3**)
 - c. He Bore Our Sin and All of Sin's Effects
3. Jesus Carries Our Sin Away (**Leviticus 5:1, 16:20-22**)
 - a. Expiation of Sin: Jesus Carries Our Sin Away
 - b. Jesus Acts as the Scapegoat of Leviticus 16
4. The Response of the People is Wrong Headed
 - a. We Wrongly Asses His Affliction – We Reckon Him Accursed by God
 - b. A Reminder of *Job* and His Poor Counselors
5. Jesus was Pierced = Fatally Wounded; He Died for Our Transgressions
 - a. Sin is Grief, but Also Rebellion and Revolt
 - b. Iniquity – assumes Guilt
6. Jesus Chastised – Not Because of His guilt, but ours

7. Jesus went through Pain and Grief, Suffering for Our Peace (Shalom *plural*) → Intensifies the Word
 - a. We Now Have Peace with God
 - b. We are now Healed (**1 Peter 1:24-25**)
8. We were Foolish in Our Sin like Stupid Sheep
9. Sheep are in Constant Danger and Go their Own Way
10. Jesus Provides the Cure

The Servant of God Willfully Tried, Dies & Buried (vv 7-9)

1. The *Ni'fal* Stem – Reflexive: Jesus Stepped into the Suffering Himself; Contrary to Human Nature
2. Jesus Did not Open His Mouth during the Trial (**Matthew 26:59-64 and 27:11-14**)
3. Jesus was Taken Away = Metaphor for Death
4. His Generation: The People Wagged their Heads as they Passed by Him
5. Jesus Submitted to Burial
 - a. Roman Criminals were Assigned a Burial Site = Gehenna; where the wicked go
 - b. Man of Wealth: Joseph of Arimathea pleaded for His body and buried it in his Tomb
 - c. First Step of the Father Vindicating His Son – because He was Innocent

The Servant of God Pleasingly Crushed by God (v 10a)

1. *The Will* – Nuance of Delight and Pleasure
2. Not Pleased with the pain or punishment, but what was being accomplished on the Cross
3. Jesus would be a Once for All Guilt Offering – the Law of God required an Offering for Sinful Guilt

The Servant of God – Resurrected from the Dead (v 10b)

1. He Will See His Offspring (**Hebrews 2:10-11**)
2. **God will Prolong His Days = Resurrection!!!!**

The Many – Justified and Sharing Glory (vv 11-12)

1. The Righteous who Looks Shameful, Makes Many Rebels Righteous = Justification
2. *Hi'phil* Stem - Causes many to be declared Righteous
3. Particular Redemption: The Many will be Saved
4. The Many will Share in the Spoils of Jesus' Victory
5. Substitutionary Atonement is Mentioned **7x in 12 vv**
6. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant by Blood