

The Suffering Servant Dies For The Many and is Glorified

Isaiah 52:12 – 53:12

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The Servant of Yahweh

► Isaiah 52:13 - 15

Behold, **My servant** will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted. Just as many were astonished at you, My people, So His appearance was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men. Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.

Few See the Arm of the Lord in a Sufferer who is Despised and Rejected

› **Isaiah 53:1 (NRSV)**

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

A Paucity of True Believers

› **John 12:37, 38**

But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him; that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

The Person and Work of the Servant Does Not Appear Attractive

› **Isaiah 53:2**

For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him,
Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

The Suffering Servant is Rejected

› **Isaiah 53:3**

He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

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The World Thinks God Punished The Servant

› **Isaiah 53:4**

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

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He was Punished for Our Sin

› **Isaiah 53:5**

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

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Our Sin Falls Upon the Sinless Servant

› **Isaiah 53:6**

All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

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The Servant Patiently Endures Suffering

› **Isaiah 53:7**

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

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The Servant was Taken By Unjust Trial to Death

› **Isaiah 53:8**

By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living, For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?

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The Servant's Death and Burial are with Wicked Men and a Rich Man

› **Isaiah 53:9**

His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

Death and then Prolonged Days

› **Isaiah 53:10**

But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

The Servant Takes our Sin and We are Justified

› **Isaiah 53:11**

As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

The Servant's Voluntary Giving of His Life For the Sins of Many

› Isaiah 53:12

Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

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Applications and Implications

- › Since there is overwhelming evidence for the truthfulness of the gospel, we must turn to Christ in faith and be justified before God.
- › Jesus' sacrifice is once for all and cleanses the heart and conscience

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Turn to Christ in faith and be justified

Substitution: The Just for the Unjust

› 1Peter 3:18 a

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God,

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The laid down life of Christ (His blood) cleanses the conscience, once for all

Hebrews 9:13, 14 (NASB)

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Benediction

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20, 21
