

# The Suffering Saving Servant - Isaiah 53

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## Isaiah 53 ESV

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And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.  
<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.  
<sup>8</sup> 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,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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## Introduction and Background

- I remember as a child getting asked a very annoying question, “Were you born in a \_\_\_\_\_ ?”  
In an article by Darleen Sichley, who is a Dairy farmer, called “Were You Born In A Barn?”, she explores what the phrase “born in a barn” means!

*“I’m sure we are all familiar with the age-old saying, “Were you born in a barn?” The original meaning of the phrase traces to an exclamation of one literally leaving the \_\_\_\_\_ open. In an era past, farmers often left the barn doors open during the day for livestock on pasture.*

*Thanks to a recent conversation surrounding this saying, and then curiosity resulting in a Google search session, I found the Urban Dictionary definition: "more recently, it has been used to simply indicate that a person is ignorant or uneducated, as if they were brought up on a farm."*

- of course, since this lady is a dairy farmer the definition found in Urban Dictionary really triggered her!
- this phrase "born in a barn" really has three meanings!
  - 1) you left the door open to the house and are letting out the heat, letting out the air conditioned air or letting in flies
  - 2) you are such a \_\_\_\_\_ you belong in the barn where you can make a mess and nobody cares
  - 3) "born in a barn" relates to a humble birth much like the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ
  
- Jesus could truly say that he was born in a barn and that was not because he would leave the house door open or make a mess but because He is a humble Savior who was born in a barn!
- if someone told you they were \_\_\_\_\_ in a barn you might think that their parents should have received a visit from child services
- but this humble beginning of Jesus was to show that he made himself a \_\_\_\_\_ and was ready to serve humanity by dying; even death upon a cross
  
- Luke 2 explains the \_\_\_\_\_ beginnings of the Lord Jesus Christ  
**Luke 2:1-7** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
  
- there was a registration or a census authorized by Caesar Augustus
- this led Joseph and \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Bethlehem for the birth of their child!
- this also fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ of God found in the prophecy of Micah 5:2  
**Micah 5:2** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.
  
- but when \_\_\_\_\_ and Mary got to Bethlehem there was no room for them
- there are two possible reasons for there being no \_\_\_\_\_ for Joseph and Mary
  - 1) there were so many \_\_\_\_\_ there that there was literally no more room in all the Inns in Bethlehem
  - 2) the \_\_\_\_\_ were already rejecting Jesus at His birth
  
- no matter the reason, we see the Lord fulfilling His Word in \_\_\_\_\_ and it is revealing to us the humble beginnings and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ
  
- In Isaiah 53 we also see more of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the Lord Jesus Christ foretold
- Isaiah 53 has a lot going on and we cannot explain every verse in this passage with the time allotted
- but we are going to look at this passage from the perspective of the humility and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus
- there is good reason why Jesus is described in Isaiah 53 as the \_\_\_\_\_ servant!
  
- the book of Isaiah was \_\_\_\_\_ during some very politically unstable times in the History of Israel

**Isaiah 1:1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

- during the reigns of Uzziah to Hezekiah Israel saw some seriously \_\_\_\_\_ leadership in the Kings of Uzziah, Jotham and Ahaz
- but Israel saw great \_\_\_\_\_fulness and restoration during the reign of Hezekiah
- although Hezekiah was a faithful king and brought great \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel after he died Israel saw moral \_\_\_\_\_
- they descended into more and more \_\_\_\_\_ness and were finally exiled by the conquering Babylonians
- Isaiah 53 explains the work of the Messiah whose coming was \_\_\_\_\_ earlier on in Isaiah 7 and 9!

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a \_\_\_\_\_, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is \_\_\_\_\_, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- we see in the New Testament that this Messiah of course is \_\_\_\_\_!
- in 1Peter 2:21-25, Peter uses Isaiah 53 to speak about the gospel of Jesus Christ!
- do you hear the similarities?

**1 Peter 2:21-25** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his \_\_\_\_\_ you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like \_\_\_\_\_, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- let us get into this great passage as we look at two important themes

**A (53:1-3) The Sorrowful and Suffering Savior**

**B (53:4-12) 10 Saving Acts of the Savior**

**A (53:1-3) The Sorrowful and Suffering Savior**

**(53:1) Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

- the question needs to be asked, \_\_\_\_\_ is the prophet asking these questions of?
- likely Isaiah is going back to Isaiah 52:15 where he references the \_\_\_\_\_ and the kings
- the prophet is asking all the nations and all political leaders if they \_\_\_\_\_ in the Suffering Messiah
- God even \_\_\_\_\_ that Israel would reject this
- but Israel and the nations would not \_\_\_\_\_ him!

**Isaiah 6:9-10** And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their \_\_\_\_\_ heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their \_\_\_\_\_, and turn and be healed."

- Isaiah 6:9-10 prepares us for how many of the Jews would \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus
- \_\_\_\_\_ would believe in the Lord Jesus but many Jews, kings and nations would not

**John 1:10** He was in the world, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was made through him, yet the world did \_\_\_\_\_ know him.

- the “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord” refers to the power of the Lord and the works of the Lord
- who has had the works of the Lord revealed to them?
- the kings, the nations and the Jews have seen the mighty works of the Lord, but they will still \_\_\_\_\_ to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ

**(53:2) For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;**

- in the land of Israel there would typically be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spring and the Fall
  - this water would gather in what we call a wadi – which is a river \_\_\_\_\_ where water is stored when there is a lot of rain
  - but in the summer the water would evaporate and the drying river bed would crack under the summer sun
  - you see a lot of this cracking in the clay farmland in Ontario
  - for example, when there is a big puddle, but all the water dries up and you are left with \_\_\_\_\_ soil
  - this would be like the dry ground that Isaiah is referring to here
  - but the Messiah grows up like a young \_\_\_\_\_ in this dry ground
  - when you see a plant growing in \_\_\_\_\_ ground and there is no rain coming, you think that this plant is not going to amount to much
  - this was the same attitude that the Jews had about Jesus and we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in the gospels
  - the Pharisees when they were arguing with Nicodemus about Jesus say this!
- John 7:41-42** Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of \_\_\_\_\_, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

**John 7:52 New International Version** They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."

- the \_\_\_\_\_ thought, "Jesus is from Galilee how can anyone from there amount to much?"

**he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.**

- the description of \_\_\_\_\_ continues
- Jesus has no form or majesty or beauty
- certainly when we look at what the Jews were looking for in a \_\_\_\_\_ it did not add up to a \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah which is what they got
- the Jews hoped for a person with great political power, kind of like a Rambo Macho man, but instead they got a humble, \_\_\_\_\_, Savior!
- they were looking for a king like Saul and not a \_\_\_\_\_ man like Jesus

**(53:3) He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

- this verse right here \_\_\_\_\_ us to what happened to Jesus at the crucifixion
- if you read, Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23 you see the extreme \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ
- you see how robbers \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and how he was treated horribly by the Jews and \_\_\_\_\_ !
- you see that Jesus is rejected by His own people
- you see the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
- you see that Jesus was despised and not esteemed!

**B (53:4-12) 10 Saving Acts of the Savior**

- in Isaiah 53:4-12 we see the “penal substitution” which refers to Jesus takes the \_\_\_\_\_ment for the sins of His people
- but we need to mention that there are a large amount of professing Christians who claim that Jesus did not bear the \_\_\_\_\_ , or wrath, of God for sin on the Cross
- they claim that Jesus just died and there was no \_\_\_\_\_ brought upon the Lord Jesus Christ
- this idea stems from a person’s uneasiness with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God at sin
- but to disregard the anger of God at sin, is to disregard most of the Old Testament and much of the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament
- the Bible clearly teaches that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and He has a holy \_\_\_\_\_ towards sin and thus the Lord sent His Son to pay the \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins taking the wrath of God, for the sins of the world!

- here Isaiah names 10 gracious and humble \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus will accomplish

1) **53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs**

- this word “borne” has the imagery of carrying a \_\_\_\_\_
- in the Old Testament, this word refers to \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences of sin
- what is this grief that Jesus has borne?
- the “griefs” here refers to the consequences of \_\_\_\_\_ ?

2) **53:4 carried our sorrows;**

- Jesus carried our sorrows and these \_\_\_\_\_ are our sins
- this word “carried” is used of pregnant cattle who are carrying \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus carried the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin to the cross!

3) **53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions**

- this word “pierce” is used to speak about the imbedding of an \_\_\_\_\_ into flesh
- it always refers to a lethal piercing which points us to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
- the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus was pierced on the Cross and his blood was shed for our sin

4) **53:5 he was crushed for our iniquities;**

- Jesus was crushed or \_\_\_\_\_ for us
- we see this at His crucifixion where Jesus is beaten and then \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus did nothing \_\_\_\_\_ , but He was severely punished because by substitution He \_\_\_\_\_ the punishment for our iniquity

5) **53:5 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,**

- Jesus was chastised or \_\_\_\_\_ for our sake so that we could experience \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus is the “Prince of Peace” in Isaiah 9:6 because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ peace between two hostile parties
- these two parties are 1) God who is \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot tolerate sin and 2) a sinful people who are rebellious and \_\_\_\_\_ towards God
- Praise the Lord Jesus takes upon this chastisement so we can have \_\_\_\_\_ !

6) **53:5 and with his wounds we are healed.**

- by the wounds of Jesus, His pierced \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross we are healed
- the healing here does not mean the healing that we think of when we get better from an illness
- this \_\_\_\_\_ refers to salvation and \_\_\_\_\_ that we can receive from the Lord
- the \_\_\_\_\_ here is salvation from the Lord and restoration with the Lord!

**Isaiah 6:10** Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be \_\_\_\_\_ ."

7) **53:6 the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all**

- here we see that it was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord for Jesus to undergo the punishment of God
- this word lay on means to \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus was punished by taking the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners on the Cross

8) **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, stricken for the transgression of my people?**

- to be stricken has the idea of being \_\_\_\_\_ by a rod
- Jesus took the blow of the rod and that \_\_\_\_\_ ment of God for the sake of His people

9) **53:11 and he shall bear their iniquities.**

- Jesus took upon Himself the iniquities of the people of God
- therefore Jesus bears the punishment of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people

10) **53:12 yet he bore the sin of many,**

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences of the sins of many

- all 10 of these passages speak about the \_\_\_\_\_ substitution of Jesus Christ

- it is amazing that Isaiah \_\_\_\_\_ what the Lord Jesus will do hundreds of years before Jesus comes!

- even John the Baptist recognizes that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 53 when he cries out these words

**John 1:29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

## Application

### 1) Why did Jesus have to come?

- the evidence of why Jesus had to come in Isaiah \_\_\_\_\_ is obvious!

- Isaiah 53:6 makes things crystal clear for us

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like \_\_\_\_\_ have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his \_\_\_\_\_ way; and the LORD has laid on him the \_\_\_\_\_ of us all.

- we are all like \_\_\_\_\_ that go astray

- we have \_\_\_\_\_ every one of us our own way

- here we see our willful disregard for the Lord and His \_\_\_\_\_ for us!

- we all as humans have a serious problem and that problem is \_\_\_\_\_

- in our Canadian culture we have really \_\_\_\_\_ sin

- our Canadian Culture claims that if you do not accept all things and are not \_\_\_\_\_ of all ideas and lifestyles then you are sinning

- if you are intolerant then you are a sinner to the extreme

- Well, \_\_\_\_\_ is sin?

- sin is any thought, desire, action or attitude that is \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His Holy Word

- The Westminster Confession describes \_\_\_\_\_ as, "any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God."

- this passage is saturated with the declaration of our \_\_\_\_\_ with sin

Isaiah 53:4 – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the grief of our sin

Isaiah 53:4 – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ of sin

Isaiah 53:5 – Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions

Isaiah 53:5 – Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ for our iniquities

Isaiah 53:8 – Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgression

Isaiah 53:11 – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the iniquities of His people

Isaiah 53:12 – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of many

- do you get the impression that Isaiah is trying tell us that we are \_\_\_\_\_ ? Y N

- but Jesus is an amazing Savior, He deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin, the sorrow of our sin, our transgressions, our iniquities, and our sin

- the reason why we have Christmas is, yes, because God is \_\_\_\_\_

- the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is so great that He sees our sin condition and \_\_\_\_\_ His son to deal with our sin problem

- if you do not see yourself as a sinner or a person who has rebelled against God, you have no room in your \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

- if you do not see the grief or \_\_\_\_\_ of your sin then you have no \_\_\_\_\_ for a Savior to come to the earth

- if you do see the grief and sorrow of your sin -- \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and His work and what it accomplished for us as described in this \_\_\_\_\_

- I remember about 10 years ago someone was upset about me talking too much about sin and the \_\_\_\_\_

- well too bad so sad! We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this because humans apart from Jesus Christ are bad and sad

- that is why \_\_\_\_\_ Christ has come! He has come to deal with our \_\_\_\_\_ problem of sin!

- everyone here is a \_\_\_\_\_ so please do not give me the home alone line “be positive Adam”

- cause I will say, “you be positive, I will be realistic”

- each one of us has \_\_\_\_\_ against God, with our pride, greed, \_\_\_\_\_, not giving God the honor that is due Him

- but that is why Jesus Christ came!

## 2) Are you Glad that Jesus Came?

- R C Sproul had a quick rhyme to explain the \_\_\_\_\_

- He said, “Man is Bad, God is Mad but both are Glad in Jesus Christ”

- are you \_\_\_\_\_ in the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus on your behalf?

- do you truly believe that Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_ to the world?

- if you have not seen the \_\_\_\_\_ state that sin has left you in, you will never have \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord

- this passage speaks clearly to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the reason for the coming of Jesus Christ

- I remember, when I was at the University of Windsor, a class that I took in Christology completely disregarded this aspect of the work of Christ

- the teacher and the reading material made Jesus out to be a great \_\_\_\_\_ of how we are to live our life

- Yes Jesus is an example of righteousness that is for sure, but Jesus came to do more than just be an example

- Jesus came to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to be crushed for \_\_\_\_\_ sin

- the consequence of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus took that death upon Himself so we could have \_\_\_\_\_ !

- Just like the great hymn "Hallelujah What a Savior" says

*"Man of Sorrows! what a name For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood;*

*Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!"*

- if you are outside of the Lord Jesus you \_\_\_\_\_ to be reclaimed by Christ

- if you have lived in sin for far too long and it is ruining you, know that without \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, you will, in eternity, experience the ultimate ruin

- come to Jesus and experience His \_\_\_\_\_ !

- \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and His work and experience the pardon and joy of forgiveness!

- Christian, are you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has come?

- Christian, does the work of Christ lead you to cry out, "Praise the Lord" and "Thank you Lord"?

- let us be \_\_\_\_\_ in our attitude because of Christ

- let us be \_\_\_\_\_ to show the world that the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has given us!

## COMING UP:

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