

SERMON TITLE: A Prophet's View of Christ and the Cross
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

"All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, all hell is terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning."(Oswald Chambers)

I. Introduction.

- A. Different views concerning the role of Christ's life, death and resurrection.
- B. Don't separate Christ's life and roles as Prophet, Priest, and King from what He accomplished on the Cross. (Example, Mediator, Victor)

II. Isaiah 52:13-15. Foreshadowing by the Prophet.

- A. Exaltation, v13.
Acts 5:31, Philippians 2:9, Psalm 148:13.
- B. Crucifixion, v14.
Matthew 27:39-44.
- C. Gospel, v15.
Spreading to the Gentiles (Reference Isaiah 49)

III. Isaiah 53:1-12. Expanding on the Issues.

- A. Gospel, v1-To the Jew's First Rejection-John 12:37-41.
- B. Crucifixion, v2-9a.
 - 1. Man's natural rejection of Christ.
 - a. Tender Branch (Ezekiel 17:22-24)
 - b. Illustration: Attraction of men to the exotic.
 - 2. The Cross viewed as a curse from God.
 - a. The Cross viewed as Christ willingly taking upon Himself the punishment due of sinners.
 - b. Illustrations: Transplant; Rembrandt.
 - 3. God's plan fulfilled.
 - a. Promises of Genesis (3:14-15)
 - b. Prophesied by Isaiah.
 - c. Fulfilled in Christ.
- C. Exaltation. V9b-12.
 - 1. Isaiah 53:12 expanded.
 - a. Christ the victor.
 - b. Christ is rewarded.
 - c. Christ who blesses.
 - d. What did victory cost?

IV. Conclusion-Application.

- A. Do you believe this report?