

Sunday, February 16, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

67. The Suffering Servant – Isaiah 53:4-6

Intro: “A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isa. 53:3) – What the human eye missed, what can only be known by revelation, is now stated here in the heart of the Servant’s Song (53:4-6). In these verses we learn about the Servant’s vicarious suffering, our sin, and the Lord’s will.

- I. An Unexpected Work – vs. 4 (Substitution)
  - A. He Took Up and Carried – Matt. 8:16-17; Rev. 21:4
    - 1. Surely – denotes something unexpected
    - 2. Took up, borne – lift up off someone
    - 3. Carried – shouldered, to take as one’s own burden
    - 4. Grievs and Sorrows – the weakness of sickness, pain and sorrow – disappointment, grief, bereavement, tragedy, illness
  - B. We Esteemed Him Stricken and Smitten – 1 Kings 8:37-38; Psa. 73:14
    - 1. Esteemed – valued, believed He deserved or had earned
    - 2. Stricken – struck with blows
    - 3. Smitten – fatally struck
    - 4. Afflicted – humbled, bowed down, bruised
    - 5. Punished by God
- II. An Unimaginable Work – vs. 5 (Penal Substitution)
  - A. Wounded for Our Transgressions
    - 1. Pierced – a fatal wound – Isa. 51:9; Psa. 109:22
    - 2. For – arising from , resulting from
    - 3. Transgressions – willful, rebellious sin
  - B. Bruised for Our Iniquities
    - 1. Crushed – trampled to death – Lam. 3:34
    - 2. For – arising from, resulting from
    - 3. Iniquities – perverted (bent) human nature, “the ever flowing fount of sin,” our depravity – Psa. 38:6-7
  - C. Chastised for Our Peace – Eph. 2:14
    - 1. Punishment required for restoration
    - 2. A Covenant of peace-making – Isa. 9:6; 54:10
  - D. Lacerated for Our Restoration
    - 1. By – at the cost of/the price
    - 2. Stripes – open, lacerated wounds – Psa. 38:5-6
    - 3. Healed – restoring fullness of the whole person – Rom. 8:16-18, 30
    - 4. Total – “emphasizing the objective achievement more than the subjective enjoyment”
- III. An Undeserved Work – vs. 6
  - A. We All Stray and Wander – Rom. 3:23; Zech. 10:2; Matt. 9:36; John 10:11
    - 1. On Our Own – we cannot blame the herd, we are responsible
    - 2. We are as sheep without a shepherd
  - B. He Accomplished the Work of the Lord
    - 1. “The Servant, by divine act, was the meeting point for the iniquity of us all.” – Motyer
    - 2. “Each sin of every sinner atoned for would be like a separate wound in the heart of this Man of Sorrows.” – TR Burks
    - 3. He is the provision and the plan of God to remove sin by transferring guilt to Himself – Lev. 16:21; John 1:29

#### IV. Conclusions

##### A. The Servant was Alone in His Sufferings

1. Vs. 4 - His sufferings were for us, but we had no part in them
2. Vs. 4 - We believed He deserved all He suffered
3. Vs. 5 – While He deals with our moral and spiritual needs and our broken personhood, we are not even mentioned except as contributors of the sin which caused His pain
4. Vs. 6 – While the Servant suffers, we stray
5. Vs. 6 – The Lord, acting as High Priest, loads Him with our sins
6. Vs. 6 – He suffers under our sin at the hand of the Lord

##### B. The Servant became a Substitute

1. Vs. 4 – He lifts up and loads our needs upon Himself
2. Vs. 5 – His sufferings were the penalty paid for our transgressions, the chastisement required for our peace
3. Vs. 6 – Substitution – Lev. 16

##### C. The Servant Dealt with Every Aspect of Our Need

1. Vs. 4 – Infirmities and sorrows that blight our fallen lives
2. Vs. 5 – Moral and spiritual wrong and guilt that alienates us from God
3. Healing and peace – glorification

##### D. The Servant's Suffering was God's Will

1. Vs. 6 – While we strayed, He bore all that merited God's wrath on Himself
2. Vs. 6 – The Lamb of God – Rev. 5:12-14