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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

65. The Suffering Servant Revealed – Isaiah 52:13-15

Intro: Many who are stunned and shocked by the suffering of the Servant come to find once the truth is revealed, that in His suffering lies their highest benefit – salvation. His sufferings, caused by our sins in order to achieve our peace, allow that we will share in His exaltation.

- I. A Three-fold Exaltation – vs. 13
 - A. See! – Behold My Servant
 1. The Servant is the answer to the question, “How will we be saved?”
 2. Here is how God will save His people – Isa. 42:1
 - B. The Servant will Act Wisely
 1. Prudently, with understanding
 2. Effective wisdom
 3. Knowing exactly what to do – Heb. 10:9
 - C. Raised, Lifted Up, Highly Exalted
 1. Resurrection
 2. Ascension
 3. Heavenly Exaltedness
 4. See: Acts 2:29-36; 5:30-32; Phil. 2:5-11; John 3:13-15; 12:32-33; Acts 1:4-11; Matt. 26:64; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Eph. 1:15-23
- II. From Highest Exaltation to Deepest Degradation – vs. 14
 - A. Horrific and Appalling
 1. Many will be stunned and shocked at the level of disfigurement
 2. The only explanation for this level of suffering is the punishing hand of God – Ezek. 27:35
 - B. Disfigured and Marred – 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13-14; Phil. 2:8; Rev. 1:7-20
 1. Disfigured from being seen as an individual (unrecognizable as a man)
 2. So marred, people ask, “Is this even human?”
- III. Truth to Tell to the Nations – vs. 15
 - A. Shocked to Speechlessness
 1. Sprinkled or Shocked – spatter, to cause to jump
 2. Shocked by what they see
 - a. They had not been prepared for this
 - b. Includes the level of disfigurement and the level of exaltation
 3. Shocked that His suffering will result in blessing
 4. Kings: “How can one who took so lowly a place ever sit on the Throne of God?”
 5. Jesus was a no-body, the son of a carpenter from Galilee, how can one from such small beginnings have so great an ending?
 - B. The Unseen Seen, the Unknown Known
 1. By losing everything, all is won!
 2. The world has not heard this truth – tell them! – Rom. 15:20-21
 3. “At first they will be shocked at the depths to which the Savior falls, but in the end they will be overcome with gratitude that His suffering was for them.” – JN Oswalt, NICOT