

Isaiah 53:11-12

An Offering for Sin

1. 53:10-11 -

- a. God's purpose (v10), means (v11), and glory (12) for the righteous servant of Israel.
- b. *"when thou shalt make"* - When Israel repents, Christ brings a kingdom. Acts 3:19-21
- c. *"shall be satisfied"* - Here the judge/priest looks at the work done and is satisfied.
- d. *"my righteous servant"* - He is the Holy One, not the sinner they thought he was. 1Jn 2:1
- e. *"shall justify many"* - the remnant of Israel - Mt 12:37,20:28,26:28, Jam 2 (vs. 1 Ti 2:6)
 - i. Their justification found in the Lord blotting out sins - Isa 43:25-26, 45:25
 - ii. Israel will be justified when the Righteous one prospers in the kingdom.
- f. *"for he shall bear their iniquities"* - He took their iniquities and died - Luke 23:34

2. 53:12 - The Glory of the Lord

- a. *"a portion with the great"* - The glory of Christ in his kingdom - Ps 2, 22:27, Isa 52:13
 - i. *"divide the spoils"* - When Satan is put down - Mark 3:26-27, Heb 2:14
- b. Why? *"poured out his soul unto death"* - This man is resurrected but gave his life.
 - i. *"numbered with"* *"bare the sin"* *"made intercession"* ← priestly activity

3. The Offering for Sin

- a. There is a difference between:
 - i. 1) death as a result of sins against you (injustice, crime, wicked) (v4-10)
 - ii. 2) death as satisfaction for sins (priests, sacrifice, intercession, righteous)
- b. Christ's death was both according to the new testament / covenant.
- c. v11 - *"by his knowledge"* - important for a priest; of sins, sacrifice, and purpose.
- d. The priest must know the sinner, shepherd the sheep - Matt 7:23, John 10:14,15,27
 - i. The new covenant requires knowledge - Heb 8:1-12, 1 John 2:1-4
 - ii. John is obsessed with this knowing who - 1 John 1, 3:20, 5:2-9
- e. Priests are mediators and offer sacrifices for the people - Heb 9:11- 26
 - i. Note that the blood is not the testament, it dedicates it, enforces it. Exo 24:7-8
 - ii. Sacrifices are not the content of the covenant but are required - Gen 15:9
- f. This righteous servant was both priest and sacrifice - Heb 10:5-17

4. Prophecy vs. Mystery

- a. The cross of Christ did two things to bring all things together in one - Eph 1:10
- b. Hebrews = the cross for the new covenant. Romans = the cross for a new creature.
- c. Jesus died for our sins - we benefit because we are in his body, not in his covenant.
- d. Death as a sacrifice (1 Pet 1:19) vs. death as a fellowship (1 Cor 2:8)
- e. Israel's glory is in the kingdom (Isa 43:13), our glory in the cross (Gal 6:14)
- f. Israel justified when they see the servant (Isa 45:25), we justified by faith (Rom 5:1)
- g. Isaiah 53 speaks of Israel's new covenant, sacrificial Lamb, seeing salvation to come.
 - i. Romans speaks of the mystery of Christ, our death with him, atonement now.