

A LOOK IN THE LORD'S CUP

Isaiah 53

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INTRODUCTION

- A. We've all had the experience of seeing our reflection in a pool of water. The pool acts like a mirror and reproduces our image.
- B. In the same way, the Lord's Supper serves as a mirror to reflect images.
 - 1. Jesus, knowing human nature, gave us a memorial or practice to keep us from forgetting Him and what He did for us.
 - 2. When Jesus first observed the Lord's Supper, He used a single or common cup shared by all.
 - 3. What can we see from beholding that cup today?
 - 4. The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah can answer that question for us. What can we see in the cup?

I. We Can See A Reflection Of Our Savior In The Cup.

- A. We can see His sadness (53:3).
 - 1. Why?
 - 2. Because He was despised and rejected.
- B. We can see His suffering (53:3-4).
 - 1. Isaiah uses strong words here
 - v. 4 "stricken", "smitten", "afflicted"
 - v. 5 "pierced", "crushed", "punishment"
 - 2. He not only suffered physically but also emotionally. The world thought He was being punished by God as Job's friends thought of him (v. 4, "stricken by God").

II. We Can Also See A Reflection Of Ourselves In The Cup.

- A. We can see our sin (53:5a, 6).
 - 1. "But" reminds us Jesus didn't suffer for His own sins but for ours.
 - 2. What sins?
 - v. 5-for our transgressions (rebellion).
 - v. 5-for our iniquities (moral crookedness).
 - 3. Sin is universal--"We all, like sheep..."
- B. We can see our salvation (53:5b, 12c).
 - 1. His punishment brought us peace (5b, Shalom).
 - 2. This peace is all inclusive with God, with others, with ourselves.

CONCLUSION

- A. Today let's look into our individual cups and see the reflection of...
 - 1. Our Savior's sadness and suffering.
 - 2. Our sin and salvation.
- B. Observance of the Lord's Supper.