

**The Goal Is Transformation**  
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**Isaiah 53**

**The Suffering Servant**

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For He grew up before Him like a tender <sup>[a]</sup>shoot,

And like a root out of parched ground;

He has no *stately* form or majesty

That we should look upon Him,

Nor appearance that we should <sup>[b]</sup>be attracted to Him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and forsaken of men,

A man of <sup>[c]</sup>sorrows and acquainted with <sup>[d]</sup>grief;

And like one from whom men hide their face

He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

<sup>4</sup>Surely our <sup>[e]</sup>griefs He Himself bore,

And our <sup>[f]</sup>sorrows He carried;

Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,

<sup>[g]</sup>Smitten of God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But He was <sup>[h]</sup>pierced through for our transgressions,

He was crushed for our iniquities;

The chastening for our <sup>[i]</sup>well-being *fell* upon Him,

And by His scourging we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All of us like sheep have gone astray,

Each of us has turned to his own way;

But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all

To <sup>[j]</sup>fall on Him.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and He was afflicted,

Yet He did not open His mouth;

Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,

And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,

So He did not open His mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment He was taken away;

And as for His generation, who considered

That He was cut off out of the land of the <sup>[k]</sup>living

For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke *was due*?

<sup>9</sup>His grave was assigned with wicked men,

Yet He was with a rich man in His death,

Because He had done no violence,

Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

<sup>10</sup>But the LORD was pleased

To crush Him, <sup>[l]</sup>putting *Him* to grief;

If <sup>[m]</sup>He would render Himself *as* a guilt offering,

He will see *His* <sup>[n]</sup>offspring,

He will prolong *His* days,

And the <sup>[o]</sup>good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

<sup>11</sup> As a result of the <sup>[p]</sup>anguish of His soul,  
He will see <sup>[q]</sup>*it and* be satisfied;  
By His knowledge the Righteous One,  
My Servant, will justify the many,  
As He will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,  
And He will divide the booty with the strong;  
Because He poured out <sup>[r]</sup>Himself to death,  
And was numbered with the transgressors;  
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,  
And interceded for the transgressors.

**Footnotes:**

- a. Isaiah 53:2 Lit *suckling*
- b. Isaiah 53:2 Lit *desire*
- c. Isaiah 53:3 Or *pains*
- d. Isaiah 53:3 Or *sickness*
- e. Isaiah 53:4 Or *sickness*
- f. Isaiah 53:4 Or *pains*
- g. Isaiah 53:4 Or *Struck down by*
- h. Isaiah 53:5 Or *wounded*
- i. Isaiah 53:5 Or *peace*
- j. Isaiah 53:6 Lit *encounter Him*
- k. Isaiah 53:8 Or *life*
- l. Isaiah 53:10 Lit *He made Him sick*
- m. Isaiah 53:10 Lit *His soul*
- n. Isaiah 53:10 Lit *seed*
- o. Isaiah 53:10 Or *will of*
- p. Isaiah 53:11 Or *toilsome labor*
- q. Isaiah 53:11 Another reading is *light*
- r. Isaiah 53:12 Lit *His soul*

**Matthew 26:36-46**

**The Garden of Gethsemane**

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus \*came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and \*said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then He \*said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.”

<sup>39</sup> And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” <sup>40</sup> And He \*came to the disciples and \*found them sleeping, and \*said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? <sup>41</sup> Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup> He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. <sup>45</sup> Then He \*came to the disciples and \*said to them, “[<sup>a</sup>]Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!”

**Footnotes:**

- a. Matthew 26:45 Or *Keep on sleeping therefore*

**John 14:1-6****Jesus Comforts His Disciples**

14 “Do not let your heart be troubled; <sup>[a]</sup>believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas \*said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus \*said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

**Footnotes:**

- a. John 14:1 Or *you believe in God*

**2 Corinthians 5:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, <sup>[a]</sup>*he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and <sup>[b]</sup>He has <sup>[c]</sup>committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**Footnotes:**

- a. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Or there is *a new creation*
- b. 2 Corinthians 5:19 Lit *having*
- c. 2 Corinthians 5:19 Lit *placed in us*

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