

The Suffering Servant

God's Arm, Unattractive, & Despised, pt.4

Isaiah 53:1-3

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I need all of you to join me on a journey. This journey cannot be discovered by Satellites or Maps, but by **an orientation of the heart, a decision of the will, and a desire for Christ...**



Consider three statements in this stanza that continue our look into the Suffering Servant's resolve to redeem for the glory of God.



Three statements in this stanza



I

**The Messiah's
Global
Message
Sovereign
Savior**



II

**The Messiah's
Humble State
Unattractive
Savior**



III

**The Messiah's
Resolute
Service
Despised
Savior**



I.

The Messiah's Global Message

Sovereign Savior



What is the Arm of Yahweh?

1

Exodus 15:16;
Acts 13:17

2

Deuteronomy
5:15

3

Psalms 89:13;
98:1; 136:12;
Luke 1:51

4

Jeremiah 27:5



Message = Arm of the Lord

This is a statement that **most have not accepted** the testimony of the Servant or of the prophet.



The Prominence of God's Arm in Isaiah

Isa 30:30; 40:10; 48:14; 51:5, 9;
52:10; **59:14ff**; 62:8; 63:5, 12



II.

The Messiah's Humble State— Unattractive Savior



The meaning of “***parched ground***” is connected to chapter 11 and the prophetic statement that Jesus would come from the **root of Jesse**—



Biblically illustrated in

Mark 6:1-4



III.

The Messiah's Resolute Service—Despised Savior



*“He Was Despised and
Forsaken, and Not
Esteemed”*

Isaiah 53:3a,c



DESPISED

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DESPISED is the most comprehensive of all the terms here, involving that complete act of the whole man when he completely and utterly refuses something” (Robert D. Culver)



Despite the Servant's **great worth**, they considered Him unworthy of honorable attention and respect.



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Forsaken is but one
of eight passives

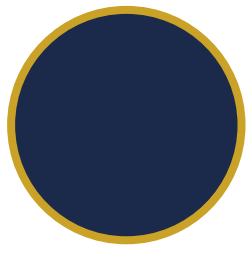


A Word Picture for Constant Viewing

*This use of the passives is effective in creating a word picture that paints the Servant as one who **submits to the will of Yahweh**; a theme which Peter especially likes (**1 Peter 2:20-23; 4:19; 5:6**) as a motivator for walking worthy of the high calling of the faith (D. F. Payne)*



Not Esteemed. The irony that I
find in Jesus' Passion...



Not Esteemed

John 1:11

He came to His own and they received Him not

John 6:66

many of His disciples withdrew

John 8:59

they took up stones to throw at Him

John 12:48; 19:16, 19



“A Man of Sorrows”

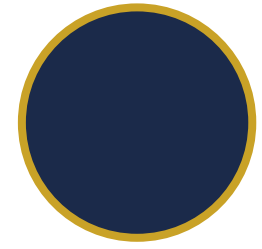
Isaiah 53:3b



The Servant was **familiar with**
grief (Mk 3:5; 9:19; John 11:33,
35)



**This Hebrew idiomatic
phrase is the natural
outcome of...**



Examples of physical pain & mental pain

Ex 3:7

2 Chron 6:29

Job 33:19

Psa 32:10

Psa 38:18

Jer 51:8



The Nature of His Sorrow

The question arises whether the Servant's sorrows are limited to **physical suffering** or whether they include the **mental anguish of bearing the sins of a lost humanity**.



A Final Thought

*Look to Jesus in the valleys of life and
look to Jesus for the forgiveness of sin...*