

THE DIVINE SERVANT'S SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

ISAIAH Chapters 52:13-15, and Chapter 53

1. **Do you think Isaiah 52:7, 9 are good verses of introduction to Isaiah 52:13-15?**

Isaiah 52:7-9:

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

⁸ Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52:13-15:

¹³ Behold, My servants shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted, and extolled, and be very high.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of man.

¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

2. **What is your reaction to the cost of the Atonement – the price of the redemption which is offered to us – freely!**

Isaiah 52:14: As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.

3. **What would be your reaction if any artist portrayed this marred face instead of the glowing, unblemished serenity and beauty we usually see?**
4. **Humiliation? Sorrow? Pain? Which is the heavier load? Contrast the world's burdens placed on our sacrifice to the glory He willingly left in**

order to live and die vicariously for each of us! Can our mind grasp His suffering? Can our heart express our love and gratitude?

Isaiah 53:4-5:

⁴ Surely He has born our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

5. **Compare Isaiah 53:4-9 with 1 Peter 2:21-25. Did Peter re-state the “good tidings of Good”? Read it also in the Living Bible. How would you re-state it, in your own words?**

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⁶ All we like sheep are gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His Mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken.

⁹ And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

1 Peter 2:21-25:

²¹ For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps:

²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:

²³ Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously:

²⁴ Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed.

²⁵ For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

6. **Do you see the very personal implications of Isaiah 53:10? What is**

a Christian's offering for sin? Compare it with Leviticus 6:6, Hebrews 10:12 – and 1 Corinthians 5:7. Can you think of other similar references?

Isaiah 53:10: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Leviticus 6:6: And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest.

Hebrews 10:12: But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right Hand of God.

1 Corinthians 5:7: Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

7. **What verb in Isaiah 53:12 indicates the willing, complete, and unstinting sacrifice of Christ Jesus?**

Isaiah 53:12: Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

8. **Could acceptance of this portion of Scripture convince you that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life — the perfect and only Redeemer?**
9. **Would you share any personal thoughts and/or special Bible verses that have come to your mind during the study of this lesson?**
10. **How can we bring “good tidings” to others? How can we “publish salvation”? Where should this work be in our list of priorities?**

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