

BEHOLD MY SERVANT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Introduction

- A. There are many Messianic passages in the Old Testament
- B. Four Servant Songs in Isaiah
 - 1. Isa. 42:1-9
 - 2. Isa. 49:1-13
 - 3. Isa. 50:4-11
 - 4. Isa. 52:13-53:12
- C. The 4th Servant Song is the most quoted in the NT.
- D. We will consider the 4th Servant Song, the longest consisting of 5 sections of 3 vs. each.

This passage begins and ends with a message from Yahweh. The middle section is a human message or testimony.

Main Point: There are three messages we should receive and repeat concerning My Servant.

I. We Should Receive and Repeat the Pronouncement of the Sovereign: Behold My Servant (52:13-15)

- Exaltation A. The Servant's Projected Position (13)
 - 1. He will prosper
 - 2. He will be
 - a. High
 - b. Lifted up
 - c. Greatly Exalted
- Humiliation B. The Servant's Physical Appearance (14)
 - 1. Just as many were astonished at you.
 - 2. So His appearance was marred more than any man.
 - 3. And His form (was marred) more than the sons of man.
- Humiliation C. The Servant's Purpose: Thus, He will sprinkle many nations. (15a)
- Exaltation D. The Servant's Pre-eminence: Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him. (15b)
 - 1. For what they had not been told them, they will see.
 - 2. And what they had not heard they will understand.

II. We Should Receive and Repeat the Proclamation of the Saints (Apostles): Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed (53:1-11)

- A. The Servant's Part (2-9)
 - 1. The Servant's Situation: Humble Background (2)
 - a. He grew up like a tender shoot, like a root out of parched ground
 - b. He has no form or majesty or appearance to attract attention
 - 2. The Servant's Shunning: rejected by men (3,4b)
 - a. He was despised and forsaken of men
 - b. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
 - c. He was despised
 - d. He was not esteemed
 - e. He was esteemed
 - 1.) Stricken
 - 2.) Smitten of God
 - 3.) Afflicted
 - 3. The Servant's Substitution (4a, 5-9)
 - a. His replacement for our grief/sorrows—He carried/bore (4b)
 - b. His retribution for our sins (5)
 - 1.) He was pierced through for our transgressions
 - 2.) He was crushed for our iniquities
 - 3.) He was chastened for our well-being
 - 4.) He was scourged for our healing
 - c. The reasons for His substitution (6a)
 - 1.) All of us like sheep have gone astray

2.) Each of us has turned to his own way

d. The redirection of His substitution: But the Yahweh caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him (6b)

e. The repression in His substitution (7a)

1.) He was oppressed

2.) He was afflicted

f. The response in His substitution: He did not open His mouth (7b)

1.) Like a lamb that is led to slaughter

2.) And like a sheep is silent before it's shearers

g. The results in His substitution (8-9)

1.) He was taken away (8a)

a.) By oppression

b.) By judgment

c.) His generation considered that He was cut out of the land of living

2.) He was cut out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due (8b)

3.) His grave was assigned with wicked men (9a)

4.) He was with a rich man in His death (9b)

a.) Because He had done no violence

b.) Nor was there any deceit in His mouth

B. The Sovereign's Participation (10-11)

1. The Punishment: The Lord was pleased to crush Him putting (Him) to grief (10)

a. The Reason: If He would render Himself a guilt offering

b. The Results:

1.) He will see His offspring

2.) He will prolong (His) days

3.) The good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His Hands

2. The Propitiation: He will see (it and) be satisfied (11)

a. As the result of the anguish of His soul

b. The Righteous One My Servant will justify the many

1.) By His knowledge

2.) As He will bear their iniquities

III. We Should Receive and Repeat the Promise of the Sovereign: (12)

A. The Reward given by the Sovereign

1. Therefore I will allot Him a portion with the great

2. and He will divide the booty with the strong

B. The Reason given by the Sovereign

1. Because He poured out Himself to death

2. And was numbered with the transgressors

3. Yet He Himself bore the sins of many

4. And (He Himself) interceded for the transgressors