



Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:4



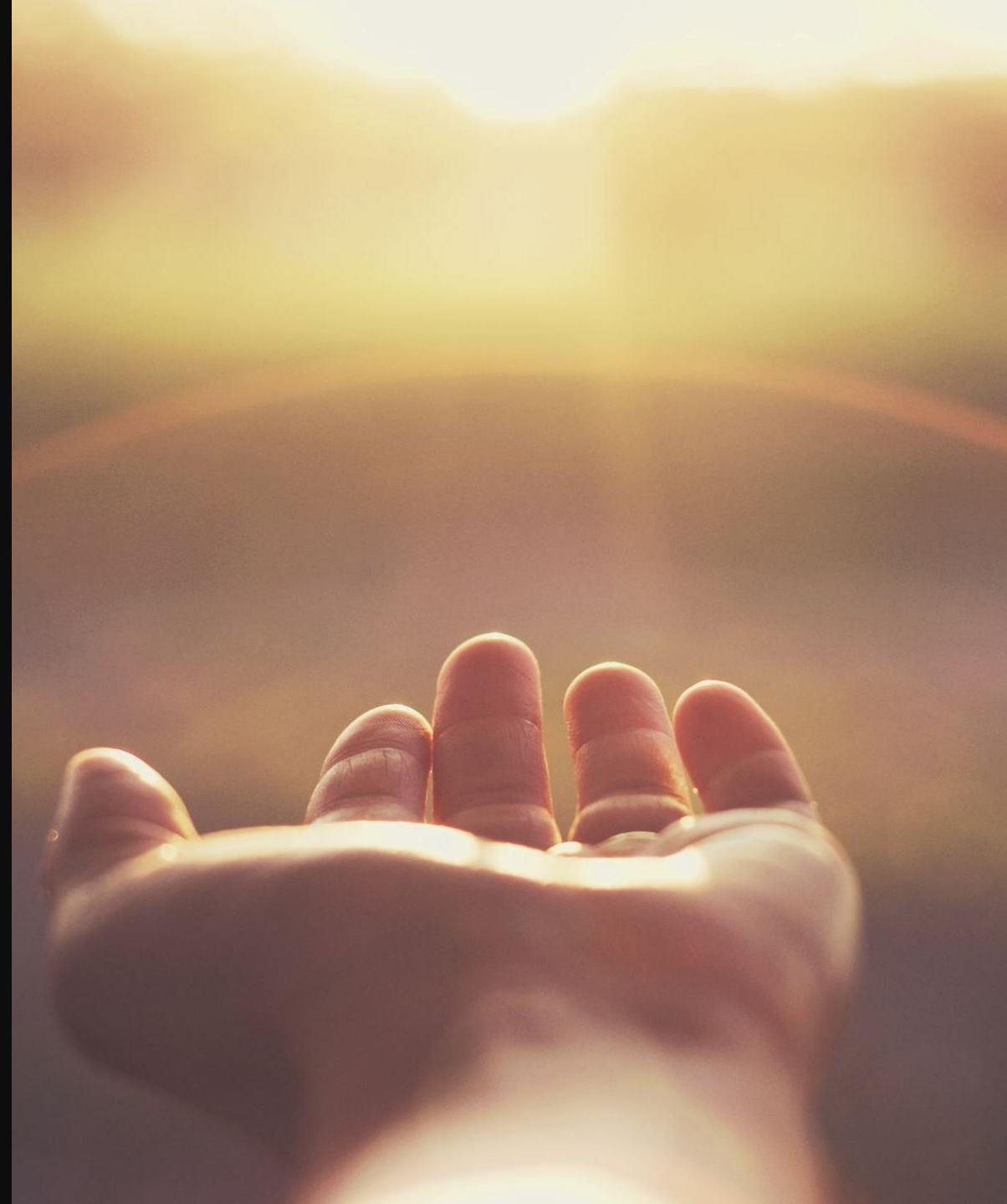


Introduction

- What is the most important question?
 - Albert Einstein – “Is the Universe a friend place?”
 - What is my IP address? – Billions of searches a month
 - What time is it?
 - What is today? -16.2 Million searches a month
 - What do I watch? 4.1 Million searches a month
 - Where is my refund? 4 Million searches a month

How can I be made right with God?

- 10,000 World Religions
 - The Bible answers this question in great detail
 - Starts in Genesis – God the Creator
 - Man Sins and separated from God
 - Penalty for sin is death
 - Sacrificial system is instigated
 - Burnt, Grain, Peace offering
 - Sin and Trespass offering
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Isaiah Overview

- Book Theme: Salvation
 - 27 Chapters of Isaiah – 3 groups of 9
 - 1) Chapters 40-48 – salvation from Babylon and captivity
 - 2) Chapters 49-57 – Salvation from Sin
 - 3) Chapters 58-66 – Final salvation from the cursed earth, takes in the millennial reign and the future eternal earth recreated.
 - Theme of Study: Suffering Servant of Jehovah
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I. The Exaltation of the Servant (52:13)

- **Main Assertion**
 - Behold, My Servant will prosper.
- **Results**
 - High
 - Lifted up
 - Greatly exalted
- This anticipates the resurrection, ascension, and heavenly enthronement of Christ.

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put on strength, O arm of the LORD;
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the generations of ancient times.
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God's Everlasting Covenant of Peace

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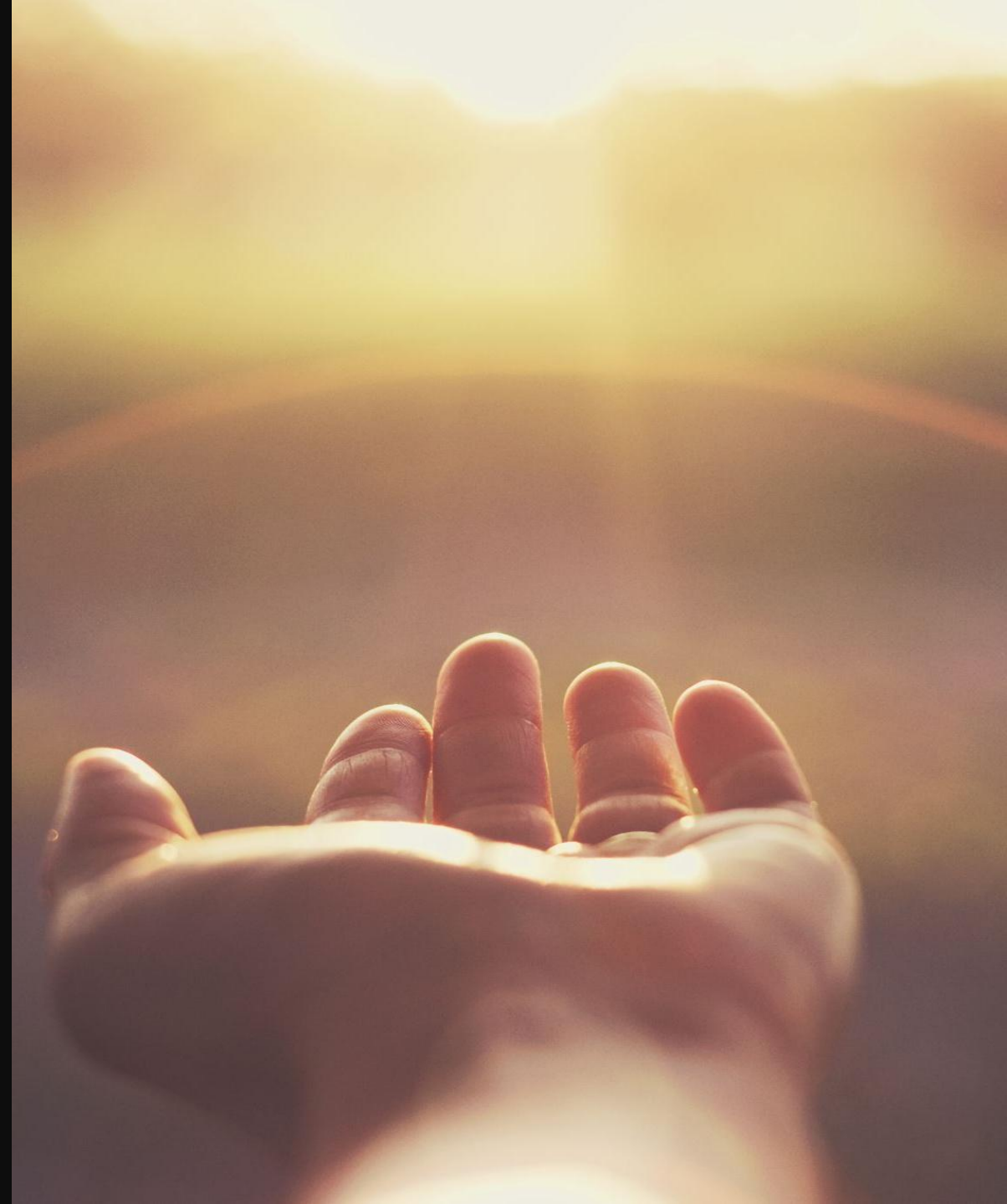
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II. The Humiliation of the Servant (52:14)

- **Contrast**
 - Exalted by God
 - Astonishingly disfigured before men
 - His suffering is described as:
 - Appearance marred more than any man
 - Form beyond human likeness
 - Cross References:
 - Matthew 27
 - John 19
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III. The Global Impact of the Servant (52:15)

- **Result of His Work**
 - He will sprinkle many nations.
 - Kings will be silenced.
 - The nations will see and understand.
 - The language of "sprinkle" points to priestly cleansing and atonement.
 - Cross References:
 - Leviticus 16, 17
 - Hebrews 9:11-18,22
 - 1 Peter 1:2
 - Ezekiel 36:26
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IV. The Rejection of the Servant (53:1-3)

A. Unbelief (v.1)

- Questions:
 - Who has believed our message?
 - To whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed?
 - The problem is not lack of evidence but spiritual blindness.
 - Cross References:
 - John 12:37-38
 - Romans 10:16
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IV. The Rejection of the Servant (53:1-3)

B. Humble Appearance (v.2)

- He grew up:
 - Like a tender shoot
 - Like a root from dry ground
 - He possessed:
 - No stately form
 - No earthly majesty
 - No outward attractiveness
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IV. The Rejection of the Servant (53:1-3)

C. Human Rejection (v.3)

- He was:
 - Despised
 - Forsaken
 - A man of sorrows
 - Acquainted with grief
 - Human response:
 - Men hid their faces
 - We did not esteem Him
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V. The Substitutionary Work of the Servant (53:4)

The Great Exchange

- What He Bore:
 - Our griefs
 - Our sorrows
- What He Assumed:
 - Stricken
 - Smitten by God
 - Afflicted
- The verse introduces the doctrine of penal substitution atonement

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Penal Substitution Atonement

- **Penal:** The penalty for human sin—which the Bible describes as death and separation from a holy God—must be paid.
- **Substitution:** Jesus took our exact place on the cross, enduring the judgment meant for us.
- **Atonement:** His sacrifice reconciles humanity to God, turning divine wrath into merciful forgiveness.
- References – over 100:
 - 2 Cor 5:18-21
 - Gal 3:13
 - Matt 27:45-50
 - 1 Pet 3:18
 - Isaiah 53:10
 - Mark 10:45
 - Romans 5:8
 - Hebrews 9:26



APPLICATION

1. Jesus is the sure fulfillment of this Prophecy
2. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!
3. Christ has made us righteous through his shed blood
4. He took on all the penalty for our sins and paid them on the Cross (Double imputation)
5. Remind yourself of this gospel message presented here in Isaiah 52-53 regularly
6. Work to memorize this passage of scripture this week
7. Submit yourself to the Word of God and believe this scripture
8. Share this gospel with others

