

CHRIST

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Isaiah 53:4-12

Lesson: The Suffering Servant

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Theme: Isaiah 53 teaches that God brings salvation not through power or prestige, but through the humble, sacrificial suffering of His chosen Servant—who bears humanity's sin to bring healing, peace, and redemption.

I. The Substituted Servant. (4-6)

A. He Bears our Burdens (4)

Matthew 8:14-17

¹⁴ When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. ¹⁵ He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him. ¹⁶ When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."

I. The Substituted Servant. (4-6)

A. He Bears our Burdens (4)

B. He Suffers in Our Place (5)







Luke 23:44-46 & John 19:28

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

²⁸ ...Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture...

⁴⁶ ...Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.” Having said this, He breathed His last.

I. The Substituted Servant. (4-6)

A. He Bears our Burdens (4)

B. He Suffers in Our Place (5)

C. He Takes Our Waywardness (6)

II. The Silent Servant. (7-9)

A. Silent in His Suffering (7)

1 Peter 2:22-25

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

II. The Silent Servant. (7-9)

A. Silent in His Suffering (7)

B. Silent in His Death (8)

C. Silent in His Burial (9)

John 19:38, 41-42

38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus...asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

III. The Sovereign Servant. (10-12)

A. The Servant's Sacrificial Purpose. (10)

Acts 2:22-23

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—²³ this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God...

III. The Sovereign Servant. (10-12)

A. The Servant's Sacrificial Purpose. (10)

B. The Servant's Righteous Achievement. (11)

C. The Servant's Exaltation and Reward. (12)

[Jesus] came to take His place with sinners. And though He became familiar with sinners, though He would be counted as human among the transgressors, yet He Himself was able to do what no human being can do and that was bear the sin of many, though He was blended in with sinners in the world. Yet He was the only one qualified to rise above them and be the sacrifice for their sins.

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