

It Pleased to Crush Him

~Isaiah 53:10-12~

Introduction:

1. **Isaiah 53** is a gem because it explains how man can have his relationship with God restored. This relationship is restored through the Son who becomes the Suffering Servant.
2. **Isaiah 53** conflicts with our human prejudices and expectations because we are forced to ask from a human standpoint: "How could it be the Father's desire (please Him) to crush (make suffer) His Son on the cross? This just does not make human sense!
3. **Isaiah 53** frustrates our human hearts because we are forced to question the Son's logic that He did this knowing what would happen to Him. Why even come to earth in the first place?
4. From a Divine perspective we see the heart of the Father and the Servant: The Father was pleased and the Servant was pleased, He was not resentful because they both were in agreement, the both had the same heart. What was the desire of One satisfied the other, and what satisfied One, was the desire of the Other.

Notice what the Servant does for His People

- I. **Servant knew the purposes of the Lord (Isaiah 53:11)**
 - A. "By His knowledge the Righteous One My Servant, will justify the many..."
 1. "By His knowledge" - Jesus was not caught off guard by the will of the Father to crush Him. He knew it, He agreed with it.
 2. Animals had no idea where they were going on sacrifice day, Jesus knew before He even came to this earth why He was coming and how He would die (**Philippians 2:8**; "...He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.")
 3. This is why the Servant's suffering and death was able to justify us, "...by His knowledge...will justify the many..."
 - B. He did not close His eyes, He was not used accidentally like a pawn. He knew His Father's will, He agreed with it, and He joined in the redeeming work willingly, thus making it effective.
- II. **Servant poured out Himself to death (Isaiah 53:12, 11, 10)**
 - A. "12...He poured out Himself to death..." "11...anguish of His soul..." "10...render Himself as a guilt offering..."
 - B. **John 10:18**, "...No one has taken it from Me...I lay it down on My own initiative..."
 - C. Jesus died because He wanted to, He was in full agreement and according to His Father's will. He was obedient even unto death. He chose to suffer.
- III. **Bore the sins of many (Isaiah 53:12)**

- A. "12 ...bore the sins of many..." "11 ...He will bear their iniquities..." It was a sin-bearing death
- B. Heart of the matter/reason for the death: Not for the sins of the Son, but for the sins of mankind. God did not desire that we bear our own sins, we cannot bear our own sins (**Romans 7**, "wretched man that I am!") That's the Gospel, The Good News!

IV. Servant rose from the dead (Isaiah 53:10)

- A. **1 Corinthians 15:4**, Jesus was raised from the grave according to the scriptures, "...He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days..." (**Isaiah 53:10**) After he He dies a a sin-offering, He Lives again with "length of days."
- B. **Isaiah 53:11**, "...anguish of the soul...He will see it and be satisfied..." Jesus will resurrect to see the fruit of His redeeming work and be satisfied!
- C. **Isaiah 53:12**, "...therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great..." "For this reason, God has highly exalted Him..." (**Philippians 2:9**)
- D. The Servant is alive, though He died and was buried!

V. Servant interceded for transgressors (Isaiah 53:12)

- A. "...and interceded for the transgressors." (**Isaiah 53:12**)
- B. "Father forgive them for they do not know what they do..." (**Luke 23:34**)
- C. "who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us." (**Romans 8:34**)

VI. Servant justifies (Isaiah 53:11)

- A. "...will justify the many..." (**Isaiah 53:11**)
- B. With the Servant's punishment, death and resurrection, He brought about the ability to justify (declare innocent) mankind. This is something that could never be accomplished before, no animal sacrifice could accomplish this, only the Suffering Servant could pay the price, fill in the gap, remove the wrath of God and justify the many.

VII. Servant shares the spoils with the strong (Isaiah 53:12)

- A. The Servant was victorious over death, the grave and defeated Satan (the strong man of **Luke 11:21ff**).
- B. And, now He has made us partakers of the spoils - we are sharers of the all the spiritual blessings in heaven, especially of salvation! (**Hebrews 2:14-15; 9:15; 1 Peter 1:3-4**)

Conclusion:

1. The Father was pleased and the Servant was pleased, He was not resentful because they both were in agreement, the both had the same heart. What was the desire of One satisfied the other, and what satisfied One, was the desire of the Other.
2. Because of they shared the same heart we are now able to be justified.