

Servant Song 4

Read Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

This final Servant Song provides a moving overview of what God is doing through His Chosen One. What was hinted at in Song 2 and briefly mentioned in Song 3 is now developed in full detail: He is a Suffering Servant.

As we read this passage, we remember that Jesus carefully and consistently linked His Messiahship with His suffering. He never talked about one without the other; they could only be understood together. Being Messiah meant suffering, and His suffering was a God-ordained part of being Messiah.

Notice the major truths made abundantly clear in this crucial prophecy:

- The Servant would “*prosper*” and “*be...greatly exalted*” (52:13, NASB), but only after extreme humiliation (53:11-12).
- For now, this magnificent, only-begotten Son of God, is not glorious but “*marred more than any other man*” (52:14, NASB), disfigured and despised (53:2-3).
- We looked down on such a man, feeling that He was cursed of God and getting what He deserved. But
*“Our griefs He Himself bore...
Our sorrows He carried...
He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities...
The Lord has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.”* (53:3-5, NASB)
- He was unjustly “*oppressed and...afflicted*” (53:7, NASB), yet He bore it all in silence, without protesting or defending Himself. He was buried with the wicked, though He had harmed no one and deceived no one (53:7-9).
- Our just, holy, and loving God “*was pleased to crush Him*”, willingly offering Him as a sacrifice on behalf of us, the guilty (53:10).
- The salvation that comes from all this terrible, unjust suffering will reach to the very ends of the earth. He will justify many (52:15a; 53:11-12).

Every detail in the Servant Songs would be fulfilled in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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