

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

ISAIAH 53

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Isaiah fifty-three is one of those prophecies that must be examined at close range. This short commentary can in no wise do anything but touch the hem of the garment of these profound words. The prophecy is approached by the Jewish rabbis as a prophecy concerning Israel as a nation, not as a man. But the words of this chapter are those that describe a person, the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of all those who come to Him. The passage is in the midst of the section on hope and expectation of redemption and restoration. Isaiah depicts the Messiah as the "suffering servant" who is despised and rejected (53:3); as "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities" (53:5); "oppressed and afflicted" (53:7); He was "cut off from the land of the living" (53:8); "It pleased the LORD to bruise/crush Him" (53:10); His "soul was made an offering for sin" (53:10) and finally, "He was numbered with the transgressors" (53:12).

If you will go back and read the chapter once more you will see a contrast between his innocence, purity and lack of sin and the reality that He paid the penalty and bore the punishment for others, not Himself. The death He died was

not for Himself, but for others. He died as a substitute for others. He is the fulfillment of the various types and shadows in all the Law, Prophets and Writings concerning paying the price of sin, which is death. Since the garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve, in the day you sin, "you will surely die." Death in the Bible equals separation. The moment Adam and Eve sinned they became separated from the life of God and began to experience the wages of sin spiritual and eventually physically. Jesus never did sin. Even His enemies could not give one instance in which He needed in any way. He was sinless. He would have never had to die. The wage of sin is death. Jesus did not die to pay for His own sin, He died as a substitute to pay for your sin. In order for His death to be accounted to you, there must be a complete turning to God, that turning is called repentance, trusting that His death as your substitute is sufficient to pay for your sins and allow God to receive you into His family

Prayer and Action Steps

If you have never turned to God with all that is within you, do that right now. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

