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From Suffering to Glory

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Isaiah 53:5-8; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47

Introduction: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 is the third of the **Servant Songs** and the most familiar of all, especially to Christians. Here we see both the travail and the triumph of the Servant. While some of the other Servant Songs could arguably be applied to Israel, this one definitely depicts the suffering of an **individual**.

As he read this passage, the Ethiopian Eunuch asked as appropriate question: "Of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of **himself**, or of some other **man?**" (Acts 8:34) While acknowledging the need for guidance in **understanding** this text (vs. 31), it was **clear** to the eunuch that Isaiah was speaking of a certain man. Of course, Christians recognize that **man** as the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Source: *The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Union Press Publication-Christian Life Series*)

Isaiah 53:1-4, Who hath **believed** our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form (dignity) nor **comeliness (magnificence, glory)**; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is **despised** and **rejected** of men; a **man** of sorrows, and acquainted with **grief**: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was **despised**, and we **esteemed (value)** him not. Surely he hath **borne** our **griefs (malady (any sickness))**, and carried our **sorrows (anguish (extreme pain, either of body or mind))**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Thought 1. Matthew referred to these verses being fulfilled after Jesus healed some people of sicknesses and cast out evil spirits that had possessed them.

Matthew 8:14-17, And when **Jesus** was come into **Peter's** house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and **sick** of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the **fever** left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with **devils**: and he **cast out** the **spirits** with his **word**, and **healed** ALL that were sick: that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself **took** our **infirmities**, and **bare** our **sicknesses**.

Isaiah 53:5, But he was wounded for **our transgressions**, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our **peace** was upon him; and with his **stripes** **we are HEALED**.

NOTE: He had wounds and stripes. He was scourged, not under the merciful **restriction** of the Jewish law, which allowed not above **forty stripes** to be given to the worst of male factors, but according to the usage of the Romans. And his scourging, doubtless, was the **more severe** because **Pilate** intended it as an equivalent for his **crucifixion**, and yet it proved a preface to it. He was wounded in his hands, and feet, and side. Though it was so ordered that not a **bone** of him should be broken, yet he had scarcely in any part a whole

skin (how fond so ever we are to sleep in one, even when we are called out to suffer for him), but from the crown of his **head**, which was crowned with thorns, to the soles of his **feet**, which were nailed to the cross, nothing appeared but **wounds** and **bruises**.
(Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible* classic.studylight.org/com/mhc)

Isaiah 53:6, All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD (Yahweh) hath **laid on him** the **iniquity** of US ALL.

NOTE: In some mysterious but actual way, Christ experienced **separation** from the Father during the dark hours of the crucifixion. His cry, “My God, my God, why has thou **forsaken me?**” (Mark 15:34), Indicates that the wrath of God was visited upon him as He was being wounded for **our transgressions**.
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Thought 1. Every human born of Adam’s seed is born spiritually dead: separated from God, who is LIFE. Jesus died for us in order that we might have LIFE. But, to make this happen, first, he had to DIE: taste death for ALL humans. And since spiritual death is one of the many kinds of death, that meant Jesus had to taste it as well, which means God his Father had to leave his spirit. That took place when God the Father “laid on him the iniquity of us all”, which MADE Jesus to BE sin. Nowing he was to taste this death is why Jesus was in agony in the garden. For the first time in his existence, Jesus would be separated from his Father: LIFE. But, it would last only 3 days and 3 nights!

2 Corinthians 5:21, For he (God the Father) hath **MADE him** to **BE sin** for us, who KNEW no sin; that WE might be **made** the righteousness of God IN him.

Hebrews 2:6-7, 9, But one... ..testified, saying, What is **MAN**, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little **lower** than the **angels**... ..But we see **Jesus**, who was **MADE** a little **LOWER** than the angels (a human being) for the SUFFERING of **death**, ...that he by the **grace** of God should **taste DEATH** for **every** man.

Thought 2. Jesus spoke of his spiritual death when he was talking with Nicodemus.

John 3:14-16, And as Moses **lifted** up the **serpent** in the wilderness, even so **must** the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should **not** perish, but have eternal life. For God so **loved** the **world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have **everlasting life**.

Numbers 21:7-9, And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a **fiery serpent**, and set it upon a **POLE**: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he **looketh (GAZE)** upon it, shall **LIVE**.
...Moses made a **serpent of brass** ...put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he **BEHELD** the **serpent** of brass, **he lived**.

Thought 3. The serpent on the pole points to the fact when Jesus experienced spiritual death, his nature changed from being the lamb of God, to that of "that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan", (Rev. 12:9) And when God raised Jesus from the dead, the first thing to happen was LIFE, the nature of God the Father, came back into his spirit, making him the first human to be “BORN AGAIN” from the dead that he might be first in all things!

Colossians 1:18, And HE is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the **FIRSTBORN** from the dead; that in all things he might have the **preeminence (be FIRST in rank or influence)**.

Thought 4. After Jesus left his body: died physically, he then TASTED the last form of death, **eternal death** known as the **second death**. So, he went to **Hell** to SUFFER pain and torment on the side where the rich man was that wouldn't help Lazarus whose sores the dogs licked. (Luke 16:19-25) So, Jesus wasn't in Abraham's bosom, comforted like Lazarus

Revelation 20:14-15, And death and HELL were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**. And whosoever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the **lake of fire**.

Isaiah 53:7-8, He was **oppressed**, and he was **afflicted**, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a **LAMB** to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the **transgression of my people** was **he stricken**.

Luke 24:13, And, behold, **two** of them went that **same day** to a village called **Emmaus**, which was from **Jerusalem** about threescore (60) furlongs.

NOTE: Childers noted that: This village is now called Kolonieh, so called from the emperor Titus having made of it a colony for some of his veterans. It is located, as Luke says, about sixty furlongs or stadia from Jerusalem. One [Greek: stadion] is 606.75 feet. Thus, the village was about **six** and **three-fourths** miles from Jerusalem.
(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old/ New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/)

Luke 24:14-18, And they **talked together** of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their **eyes** were **holden (seize [fasten: close])** that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and **are sad?** And the one of them, whose name was **Cleopas**, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

NOTE: Such wonderment was natural. Here is spontaneous testimony to the fact that all men were conscious of the dramatic events related to the Passion of Jesus Christ. "This thing was **not done** in a **corner**" (Acts 26:26). The highest officials of government, both religious and secular, the total population of Jerusalem, with **more than a million** others there to observe the **passover**, from all over the Roman Empire - all were interested as either observers or participants, in the world-shattering drama of the crucifixion of Jesus our Lord.
(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old/ New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/)

Luke 24:19-26, And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was **a prophet** mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be **condemned to death**, and have **crucified him**. But **we trusted** that it had been he which should have **redeemed** Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us **astonished**, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen **a vision** of **angels**, which said that he was **alive**. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, **O fools**, and **slow** of heart to **believe all** that the prophets have spoken: **Ought not** Christ to have SUFFERED these things, and to enter into **his GLORY?**

NOTE: O foolish men... "This is not the same word as the one used in Matthew 5:22, where we are forbidden to say **'Thou fool'** to our brother." This was Jesus' dramatic way of emphasizing their failure to accept the **plain teachings** of the Old Testament prophecies. It seems incredible that after all that was written in the Old Testament concerning the **suffering Servant** of God, his being despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and even the exact scenes of the crucifixion having been spelled out in **Psalm.22**, the Jewish people remained almost totally blind to that phase of Messiah's character. "Artificial and even ridiculous explanations were applied to Old Testament **prophecies of Messiah's sufferings and death.**"

(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old/ New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/)

Luke 24:30-40, *And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found **the eleven** gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were **terrified** and **affrighted**, and supposed that they had seen a **spirit**. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a **spirit** hath **not** **flesh** and **bones**, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.*

Mark 16:14, Afterward he **appeared** unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and **upbraided** **chide** [to utter words in anger, scold at]) them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they **believed not** them which had **seen him after** he was risen.

Thought 1. I'd like to call attention to the fact that where they sat, the doors were closed and Jesus just **appeared** in their midst in his newly resurrected body. Earlier, he had eaten and enjoyed physical food with two disciples, and yet passed through walls or doors. His body was firm, but not hindered by physical or natural things!

1 Corinthians 15:35-36, 41-44, But some man will say, How are the **dead raised** up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not **quicken** (**MAKE ALIVE**), except it **die**:

...There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the **resurrection** of the **dead**. It is sown in **corruption**; it is raised in **incorruption** (immortality [the quality of never ceasing to live]): It is sown in dishonour; it is **raised in glory**: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a NATURAL (affected by nature) **body**; it is raised a SPIRITUAL (supernatural [exceeding the powers or laws of nature]) **body**.

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

John 20:20, And when he had so said, he **shewed** unto them his **hands** and his **side**.

Luke 24:41, *And while they yet **believed not** for joy, and **wondered**, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat (food in general)?*

NOTE: Their joy was so great, and his appearance was so sudden and unexpected, that they were bewildered, and still sought more evidence of the truth of what they *wished* to believe. This is nature. We have similar expressions in our language. *The news is **too good to be true**; or, **I cannot believe it; it is too much for me.***

(Source: Barnes' Notes on the New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bnn/)

Luke 24:42-43, And they gave him a piece of a **broiled fish**, and of an **honeycomb**. And he took it, and did EAT before them.

NOTE: That is, he took both the fish, and the honeycomb, and ate of them before them, they looking on all the while; and which was a proof of his being truly risen from the dead, and not a spectre (appearance of a person who is dead), or apparition (ghost, visible spirit), and which they failed not afterwards to make use of; see (Acts 10:41). The Vulgate Latin, Arabic, and Ethiopic versions add, "he took the rest, or what remained, and gave it to them" (Source: biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/)

Luke 24:44-45, And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then **opened** he their **understanding**, that they might **understand** the **scriptures**...

NOTE: When **Paul** told **Timothy** that **all scripture** is **profitable** (II Timothy 3:16), he was speaking primarily of the Old Testament. Therefore, we should never ignore it. (Source: *The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Union Press Publication-Christian Life Series*)

NOTE: Then **opened he**, &c.--a statement of unspeakable value; expressing, on the one hand, Christ's immediate access to the **human spirit** and absolute power over it, to the adjustment of its **vision**, and permanent rectification for **spiritual discernment** (than which it is impossible to conceive a stronger evidence of His proper divinity); and, on the other hand, making it certain that the manner of interpreting the \ Old Testament which the apostles afterwards employed (see the Acts and Epistles), has the direct sanction of Christ Himself.

(Source: *Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary* classic.studylight.org/com/jfb)

Thought 1. Since he had just opened their understanding, that means they could not have understood him when he first spoke to them about dying and rising from the dead. As a matter of fact, scripture says God **HID** the meaning from them.

Luke 9:44-45, Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. But they **understood not** this saying, and it was **HID** from them, that they **perceived it not**: and they **feared** to ask him of that saying.

Luke 18:33-34 ...And they shall scourge him, and put him to **death**: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood **NONE** of these things: and this saying was **HID (conceal, keep secret)** from them, neither KNEW they the things which were spoken.

Question: So why did God hide or keep secret the meaning of Jesus' words from the disciples?

Answer: It was **not TIME** for them to **know** and to stand, as they did **later**. If they had stayed with him, at this time, they too would have died as they said! And God's plan was for only his Son to **die**, and be **raised**. He wanted his disciples **alive** in order to be **witnesses** of his resurrection unto all the world. This is made clear in John 18:1-9.

John 18:1-9, **Jesus** therefore, **knowing** all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went **backward**, and **fell** to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, **let these GO their way**: That the saying might be **fulfilled**, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have **I lost none**.

Luke 24:46-47, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that **repentance** and **remission** of sins should be **preached** in his **name (authority)** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

NOTE: Remission of sins. Pardon or forgiveness of sins. It should be proclaimed that all men should repent, and that those who are penitent may be pardoned.

In my name. By my command it should be proclaimed that men should repent, and by my merit that they may be pardoned. Pardon is offered by the **authority** of Christ to ALL nations, and this is a sufficient warrant to offer the gospel to every man.

Beginning at Jerusalem. This was the dwelling of his murderers, and it shows his readiness to forgive the vilest sinners. It was the holy place of the temple, the habitation of God, the place of the solemnities of the ancient dispensation, and it was proper that pardon should be first proclaimed there. This was done--the gospel was first preached there. See **Acts 2:1**....

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Luke 24:48-49, And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, **I send** the **PROMISE** of my Father upon you: but **TARRY** ([wait] **sit down**) ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with **POWER** from on high.

Power defined 1411, dunamis pronounced doo'-nam-is; force (literally; specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, might), strength.

Thought 1. Because the Holy Spirit has been here, working in believers since the day of Pentecost, there is no need to tarry (wait) for him. Now, we are simply filled by faith. Also notice this power is not for living right. Jesus said it is power to be witnesses.

Acts 1:8, But YE shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come **upon** you And ye shall be **WITNESSES** unto me unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 4:33, And with great power gave the apostles **WITNESS** of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great **grace** was upon them all.

Thought 2. Everybody has the ability to live right when they're **born again!** It's done by faith in God's word as we gain knowledge and understanding. This is how **Jesus** lived right for about **30** years BEFORE he was filled with the Holy Ghost. It's also how he lived AFTER he was filled by the Spirit and worked in the earth as the Christ.

1 John 5:4, For **whatsoever** is **BORN** (*not filled*) of God overcometh the **world**: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our **FAITH**.

Thought 3. At age 30, Jesus was filled by the Holy Spirit for WORK, not to live right.

Luke 3:22-23, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be about **thirty years** of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli...

Luke 4:14, 17-19 ...**Jesus** returned in the **POWER** of the Spirit... ...And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias And ...he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is **upon me**, because he hath **anointed** me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to **heal** the brokenhearted, to **preach** deliverance to the captives, and **recovering** of sight to the blind, to **SET** at **liberty (freedom)** them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Thought 4. Did you notice the part about "**SET** at Liberty (freedom)" them that are bruised? In John 8:32, Jesus said: "MAKE" you FREE. Make means "SET."