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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN;

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ISAIAH 53:1-6**

Isaiah 53:3, **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 him not.

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message December 15, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. With his stripes we are healed. We find there has been a lot of misinterpretation of this phrase.
- b. In order to get the correct meaning of this phrase, let me give you some guidelines in our interpretation of the Bible. **2 Peter 1:20**, *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*
- c. There is a Preserved Word in the land. **Psalms 12:6-7**, *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.* Of course, we know the Word of God says in **2 Peter 1:20**, *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*
- d. This means we need to run references on the Scriptures and let the Scripture interpret itself. **1 Corinthians 2:13**, *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
- e. However, there are a couple of things that would aid us in this process.
- f. **First** of all, we must **look at the overall purpose for which the Bible is written.**
- g. We must **compare Scripture with Scripture**. **Isaiah 28:10**, *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:*
- h. **We have no right to lift one verse and build a doctrine on it, especially when it is lifted out of context.**
- i. The **second** thing we must **be aware of is, to whom the Scripture is addressed.**
- j. For instance, it either addresses the Jews, Gentiles, or the Church. Who's mail we are reading is extremely important in properly interpreting God's Word. It may speak of the Tribulation or those living during the Millennium. **1 Corinthians 10:32**,

Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

- k. **All Scripture is not to us but all Scripture is for us.** We must determine whether the mail was for the Jews, the Gentile, or the Church. Reading someone else's mail and misapplying it leads to false doctrine and confusion. **1 Corinthians 14:33**, *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*
- l. The **third** thing we must **consider is the immediate context.**
- m. What is before the verse and what is after the verse?
- n. **If we do not observe this, we can get into deep error.**
- o. An example of this from our subject today would be:
 - 1. **Isaiah 53:4-5**, *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.*
 - 2. To keep the context, look at **verse 6**, *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
 - 3. Notice **verse 6** is **dealing strictly with the sin sick soul of mankind** that needs the Word of God in order to be redeemed. **1 Peter 1:18-19**, *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19: But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Jeremiah 6:16, Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Leviticus 17:11, For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Psalms 119:130, The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. **Isaiah 53:12**, Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. The aforementioned Scriptures make it abundantly clear that there is not even a slight hint that physical healing of the body is a part of the atonement. We must remember that everyone that prays the Sinner's Prayer from the heart will be saved. Likewise, if healing of the body was a part of the atonement, everyone would be healed.*
 - 4. We have no right to go in and pick **verse 5** out and apply a different meaning which would imply physical healing of the body. With respect to the **sin sick soul**, we cannot ignore phrases like rest for your soul, atonement for your soul, and shepherd and bishop of your soul.
 - 5. This is the immediate context: what comes before and what comes afterward.
- p. Now let's apply the rule as we compare Scripture with Scripture. **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. 1 Peter 2:24*, *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Isaiah 6:10, *Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and **understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.***

- q. A careful analysis of these three verses would indicate a perfect match for the sin-sick soul. **In no way do these three passages even hint that this is about physical healing of the body.**
- r. **We should not force Scripture to say something it doesn't say.**
- s. We need to be very dogmatic of the words, the structure, whether the word is plural, singular and respect the divine order in which things are written. **Psalms 119:160**, *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.* **Romans 3:4**, *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*
- t. Then we can discover what the Bible really says.
- u. I stick with the Authorized King James 1611 Bible.
- v. It is the translation from the original Greek and Hebrew and has been perfectly preserved by God for the English-speaking people. **7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**
- w. I do not preach anything about the Greek or Hebrew from the pulpit. Quite frankly, I know neither Greek nor Hebrew and have no desire to learn them. **God's Word rightly divided** is perfectly understandable in English.
- x. With respect to the Greek and the Hebrew, we do not speak it and we don't understand it, but we do understand English and the Word of God says it has been **preserved** in **Psalm 12:6-7**, this includes the English-speaking people. *The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt **preserve them** from this generation for ever.*
- y. **We must interpret the Bible literally.**
 - 1. I would like to get some help from a man named Dr. David Cooper who has stated this very well.
 - 2. "When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense. Therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the intermediate context studied in light of related Scriptures, and fundamental truth indicates clearly otherwise."
 - 3. In other words, we are to take the Bible literally. **Psalm 119:18**, *Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.* **Nehemiah 8:8**, *So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*
- z. As a general rule, as we study the Word of God, we might want to think of this order.
 - 1. Find the Preserved Word of God.
 - 2. Begin with prayer
 - 3. Read, study and meditate on the Bible.
 - 4. Read what others have written about the Bible provided they believe and accept the Preserved Word of God as the final authority. We must remember the Bible does not contain the Word of God **it is the Word of God.**
 - 5. Obey the Bible.

6. Pass it on to others.
7. Point lost souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. **Proverbs 11:30**, *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.* **Psalms 142:4**, *I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.*
8. With that Introduction let's analyze **Isaiah 53**; may God indeed speak to our heart.

3. FIVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Who hath believed our report.

1. **Isaiah 53:1**, **Who hath believed our report?** *and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?*
2. We cannot get a complete understanding until we turn back to **Isaiah Chapter 6**.
3. In **Chapter 6** we see the salvation of Isaiah; we see he walked in the light of the Preserved Word of God, he finally saw himself as God sees him and he makes the statement he was a man of unclean lips. **Isaiah 6:5**, *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.*
4. **Isaiah 6:7**, *And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.*
5. Immediately after Isaiah's sins were purged God called him to do a job.
6. The calling is recorded in **Isaiah 6:8**, *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*
7. Now we get the understanding of this verse because as God called Isaiah, He says, in **Isaiah 6:9-10**, *And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10: Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and **convert, and be healed.***
8. Notice this has nothing to do with physical healing of the body or the flesh; it also says Isaiah's mission would be tough.
9. So, **Isaiah 53:1** opens with a question. *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?*
10. **It means that it is tough to get men and women to simply believe the Preserved Word of God from the heart without a single doubt.**
11. There will be many good people in Hell, and the reason being is they refuse to accept God's simple plan of Salvation.
12. Believers will lose rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ because they refuse to take God's Word as it is.
13. Isaiah realized his mission would be tough.
14. **We still have people today who will not believe the death, burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.** Many so-called Christians have been shaken in their faith recently on the basis of the lie that Jesus' bones have been discovered. I remind you God's Preserved Word is forever settled in Heaven.
15. There is no question that **John 12:32** tells us if the Son of Man be lifted up He will draw all men unto Him. *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all*

men unto me."

16. **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Malachi 3:6, For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**
17. Isaiah goes on to say in **verse 1**, "to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"
18. It is revealed unto those who realize it is a free gift of Salvation; there is nothing we can do to earn it and as a result of that Jesus alone purchased Salvation for us. Titus 3:5, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Hebrews 10:12, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
19. **Praise God for all of His great and mighty works! 2 Corinthians 9:15, Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.**

b. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant.

1. **Isaiah 53:2, For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**
2. Christ was indeed a root out of dry ground.
3. This means that at the time of the birth of Christ, the family of David had been cut off from the kingship.
4. They were no longer princes as they had been before; they were now peasants.
5. The Nation Israel was under the iron rule of the Roman Empire.
6. The religion of Israel had simple gone to seed.
7. It was a mere performance of empty rituals; their hearts remained cold and indifferent toward God. **Isaiah 53:6, All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Romans 3:11, There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**
8. Jesus Christ in His humanity came from a noble family who was cut off from a nation and had become a puppet of the Roman government.
9. **We know Jesus was indeed born conceived of the Holy Spirit, born in a manger; a root out of dry ground. Matthew 1:20, But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. Galatians 4:4, But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**
10. Then the scene shifts to His suffering for sin.
11. **"He hath no form nor comeliness; ... there is no beauty that we should desire him."**
12. When we consider these phrases together some might draw the conclusion that there was no beauty in the Lord Jesus as He was born.
13. He was born a perfect human being.
14. He was a perfect man also. He was the God-man and the **Book of Luke** substantiates this truth.
15. The scene shifts to when He was flogged for your sin and mine. **1 Peter 3:18, For**

Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

16. It was a horrible and difficult death on the cross.
17. He suffered; He was beaten and smitten.

c. He is despised and rejected of men.

1. **Isaiah 53:3-4, 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 him not. 4: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*
2. He is acquainted with grief.
3. "*and we hid as it were our faces from him;*" - means He was coming for mankind merely because man rebelled against God and turned our back on Jesus. **Romans 3:11, *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.***
4. "*he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*" - If you recall even the most precious disciples forsook Him during the heat of the battle.
5. He was a man of sorrow as some would have us to believe
6. Jesus Christ was a man of joy.
7. **Hebrews 12:2, *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***
8. The reason I considered the aforementioned verses together is because it was our grief and our sorrow that caused Him to be smitten of God and afflicted.
9. This is the precious Son of God who went to the cross for our sins.
10. He was smitten of God and afflicted, means there was agony in the Garden of Gethsemane as the sin of the whole world was laid on Him. **Luke 22:42-44, *Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43: And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44: And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. "the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."***

d. And with his stripes we are healed.

1. **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.***
2. It was only the Lord Jesus Christ who was able to purchase salvation for mankind. The question here is, who is able to redeem the lost soul of mankind? We conclude it was the only begotten Son of God namely the Lord Jesus Christ who could do the job. **Galatians 4:4-5, *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5: To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. John 14:6, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Acts 4:12, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*****
3. **Proverbs 14:12, *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end***

thereof are the ways of death. **Proverbs 3:6**, *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

4. The last part of **Isaiah 53:5** says, "with his stripes we are healed."
 5. It seems for some reason that people want to take this and apply it to the healing of the body. Please note the context and comparison previously discussed.
 6. This has to do with salvation not physical healing. *But he was wounded for our transgressions.*
 7. He came the first time to redeem the soul. We must remember when Adam willfully disobeyed God it resulted in death of the soul for all of mankind. *Sin is a sickness of the soul. **Ezekiel 18:4**, Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. The Lord Jesus will not redeem the body – the flesh, until He comes the second time. **Romans 8:23**, *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**
 8. Because some have been taught wrong concerning this passage, we will stick close to the Scriptures and allow Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the truth.
 9. **1 Peter 2:24-25**, *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **25**: *For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**
 10. Peter makes it clear that this verse is talking about healing of our trespasses and sins when we respect the right division from the Word.
 11. What a marvellous verse; **what a great understanding we can get when we stick with the Preserved Word of God, rightly divided** and not force Scripture to say what we want it to say.
 12. There is no such thing as Jesus dying a martyr's death.
 13. He came to be a substitute for sinful mankind. **Romans 3:25**, *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*
 14. Our Lord died just like that, He was forsaken of God, He said in **Matthew 27:46**, *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*
 15. His death was different; alone He paid for our sins. **Hebrews 1:3**, *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*
- e. **The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
1. **Isaiah 53:6**, *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
 2. As we learned about sheep in 23rd. Psalm, we found that sheep have a tendency to wander away from the fold. **John 10:27-29**, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **John 10:28**: *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **John 10:29**: *My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all;***

- and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*
3. All of us have wandered away. The bible tells us in **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
 4. **It took the Lamb of God to come and take away the sin of the whole world. John 1:29**, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.* We must keep uppermost in our mind that man has a nature problem and only God can provide a new nature. **2 Peter 1:4**, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
 5. Notice, **"the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."**

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you have this righteousness my friend?
- b. Have your sins been forgiven?
- c. If not, you need to come to the side of the Crucified Saviour today.
- d. There is a beautiful song by Elizabeth Clephane:

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Beneath the cross of Jesus
 I fain would take my stand
 the shadow of a mighty rock
 within a weary land
 a home within the wilderness
 a rest upon the way
 from the burning of the noontide heat
 and the burden of the day
 upon the cross of Jesus
 my eyes at times can see
 the very dying form of one
 who suffered there for me
 and from my stricken heart with tears
 two wonders I confess
 the wonders of redeeming love
 and all my unworthiness

- e. What a tremendous testimony for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- f. I want you to know what Christ has done for you. He alone deserves to have the worship and glory of everyone on the face of the Earth. **Isaiah 43:7**, *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*
- g. Thank God for such a Saviour.
- h. You can have none of this unless you are willing to realize that you are a sinner.
- i. You need to realize that Jesus Christ is the saving business and will indeed save your soul from Hell.
- j. Men have complicated the plan of salvation.
- k. It is as simple as can be.
- l. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- m. **Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through*

Jesus Christ our Lord.

- n. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- o. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- p. We need rest not only for our bodies, but we need rest for our souls.
- q. Thank you, Jesus, for saving my soul.
- r. Would you please stand?

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