The Suffering Servant

ISAIAH 52

- **1.** Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.
- **2.** Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? 4. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: 6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7. For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: 9. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. 10. For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He lives, He lives unto God. 11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14. For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Colossians 2:12 Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.

- **3.** For thus saith the LORD, you have sold yourselves for nought; and you shall be redeemed without money.
- **4.** For thus saith the Lord GOD, my people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
- **5.** Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

6. Therefore my people shall know My name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak: behold, it is I.

- **7.** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publishes peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publishes salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigns!
- **8.** Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.
- **9.** Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- **10.** The LORD hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; **and all the ends of the earth** shall see the salvation of our God.
- **11.** Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.
 - **2 Corinthians 6:16.** What agreement can exist between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people. 17. "Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. 18. And: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters,
- **12.** For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go **before** you; and the God of Israel will be your **rereward**.
- 13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
- 14. As many were astonied at Thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men:
- 15. So shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

ISAIAH 53

- **1.** Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? (Isa 52:7 Good News)
- 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.
 - **Matthew 1:1** This is the record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham: and Isaiah's account was written about 700 years before Jesus was born!
- 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.

It is possible to miss the emphasis on shame in the crucifixion of Jesus. Consider the event itself. Jesus was spat on (Matt 26:67), His head and face were struck (Matt 26:67), His clothes were stripped off (Matt 27:28); He was verbally mocked (Matt 27:28-29 -Hail King of the Jews). None of these actions was in itself physically painful. Being spat on doesn't hurt. It shames. https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/jesus-and-our-shame/

4. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Galatians 3:13&14 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- 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** He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His stripes you are healed. 25. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- **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.
- **7.** 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 opened not His mouth.
 - **1 Peter 2:21** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps: 22. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth." 23. When they heaped abuse on Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats, but entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

- **8.** 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.
- **9.** And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.
 - **Matthew 27:59** And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60. And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher and departed.
- **10. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;** He hath put him to grief: when Thou shalt make *His soul an offering for sin*, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He hath made Him to be sin (the Greek word for "sin" (ἀμαρτίαν) can be interpreted as "sin offering,") for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
- **11.** He shall see of the travail *of His soul* and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.
 - Romans 6:10 For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He lives, He lives unto God.
- **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.
 - **Colossians 2:13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15. And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
 - John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in My Word, then are you my disciples indeed; 32. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free... 34. Jesus answered them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin. 35. And the servant abides not in the house for ever: but the Son abides ever. 36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.