

Lecture 22 – The Saving Work of Christ

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” Isaiah 53:1-3

Key Terms

Vicarious sacrifice, exaltation, suffering

Objectives

- *Locate and summarize the key elements of the Old Testament’s prophetic expectation of the Messiah.
- *Identify some implications of these elements for our understanding and communication of the Christian life.

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A. Isaiah 52:13-53:12

1. Major themes
 - a. Vicarious sacrifice
 - b. Exaltation
 - c. Suffering
2. Is the suffering just or unjust?
 - a. Unjust
 - 1) Verses 9, 11
 - b. It is God’s will.
 - 1) Vicarious suffering and substitution
 - a) Verse 5
 - b) Verse 6
 - c) Verse 11
 - d) Verse 12
 - 2) The theme of suffering is encircled by glory.
 - 3) The servant willingly undergoes suffering.
 - 4) Inclusion
3. Biblical themes found here
 - a. Theme of sacrifice
 - b. Theme of victory
 - 1) Details
 - a) Isaiah 53:12
 - b) Isaiah 53:9
 - c) Isaiah 53:11—Justification
 - (1) cf. James 2:24
 - (2) cf. Romans 4:5