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A Study of Isaiah 53:5

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

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LESSON I

Wounded For Us

“But He was wounded for our transgressions.”

Isaiah 53:5a [Part 1]

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Have you ever caused a loved one any kind of injury? We are grieved when we are the cause of a loved one’s pain and suffering. We think about them constantly, communicate with them often, and want to ensure that they are going to be alright. Do we treat Jesus the same way? He experienced the cruelest form of torture so that we would be free from sin and have the amazing opportunity to have a relationship with Him throughout eternity. Roman crucifixion was one of the most horrific, brutal forms of punishment. In fact, that form of punishment was so extreme that Roman citizens were exempt from it unless they were charged with high treason. Jesus was crucified. He was “wounded.” The One who loves us infinitely beyond our understanding was wounded. Knowing that is bad enough. But we are not just innocent bystanders to the horrific event of Jesus’ crucifixion. He was wounded wholly and specifically *because of us*. He was the One-for-all sacrifice that would guarantee eternal life to all who believe that He died, rose from the grave and has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven. Do we take that for granted some days? As we travel toward Calvary this Lenten season and visit Golgotha once again, we will study the unbelievable suffering and soul-saving sacrifice of our Savior as He willingly carried out the greatest act of love ever demonstrated.

Take a moment to write out Isaiah 53:5:



Now read this verse aloud. This verse is our memory verse for this month. I encourage you to write it on index cards and place them in various locations where you spend the most time.

In this first week, we are studying Isaiah 53:5a, which states: *“But He was wounded for our transgressions.”* The Hebrew word for *wounded* in this verse is *chalal*, which refers to “perforating” or “piercing through.” In fact, the New American Standard Bible translates this verse as, *“But He was pierced through for our transgressions.”* When Jesus was flogged, brutalized by the soldiers and then crucified, He was literally wounded from the top of His head to the soles of His feet. Jesus was “perforated” and “pierced” in many places:

- 1) The crown of thorns that pierced His head: Matthew 27:29a, Mark 15:17 and John 19:2.

2) The flogging that perforated His back: Matthew 27:26, Mark 15:15, John 19:1, and Luke 23:16.

3) The spear that pierced His side: John 19:34.

4) The nails that pierced His hands and feet: Psalm 22:16.

In addition to these atrocities that our Savior suffered, what else did He endure according to Isaiah 50:6? _____

The account of Jesus' trial, flogging, crucifixion, death and burial are recorded in the New Testament Gospels in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19. Jesus' crucifixion is also detailed in the Old Testament in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. The continuity between the Old and New Testaments is a powerful testimony that our God never changes and His plans are consistent. Isaiah is quoted in the New Testament more than any other prophet. Isaiah paints the picture of the suffering Savior in such vivid detail that one would almost think that Isaiah is standing at the foot of the cross. So clear in his mind that he speaks of it in the past tense, as if it had already come to pass. Yet it was written seven centuries before Calvary. It cannot possibly fit any person in history other than Christ. There are numerous passages that fulfill the words of Isaiah 53:

Deuteronomy 32:39 _____

Mark 10:45 _____

1 Peter 1:18-19 _____

Revelation 5:6, 9 _____

Jesus not only endured physical wounds, but great mental wounds. Even though Christ loved all, enemies and friends alike delivered staggering sorrow to Him. His adversaries called Him a drunk (Matthew 11:19) and a blasphemer (Matthew 26:65; Luke 5:21; John 10:36). Yet His friends also delivered harsh, devastating blows:

Judas in Matthew 26:25 _____

Peter in Luke 22:54-57 _____

It's one thing to be betrayed by an enemy, but entirely different to be betrayed by a friend. Been there? Peter and Judas were close friends of Jesus. They were part of the intimate band of Jesus' disciples who had heard His teaching first hand, seen Him perform numerous miracles, and had the rare privilege of being in Jesus' presence for three years.

There was an old custom of punishment used by both the British army and navy referred to as "running the gauntlet." The accused was stripped to the waist and made to run between two rows of men who whipped and beat him as he passed by. These beatings were extremely severe and the victims often died as a result. Many of those who didn't die may well have wished they had since survivors were sometimes executed afterwards. Christ's earthly life consisted of running the gauntlet between His enemies and friends, who all struck Him at one time or another as He passed through their lives.

How have your thoughts, words or deeds struck Jesus?

So why did Jesus choose to undergo egregious physical wounds and staggering sorrow? One powerful, life-changing word: *love*. Jesus loved us too much to stand idly by and permit sin destroy us for all eternity. His death and resurrection provided our redemption from our sins and transgressions. The Hebrew word for *transgressions* is *pasha*, which refers to our sin and rebellious, deliberate breaking of God's law. (See Job 34:37) He suffered for our transgressions, not His own:

2 Corinthians 5:21 _____

Hebrews 9:28 _____

1 Peter 2:24 _____

1 Peter 3:18 _____

We are sinners by birth and choice (Psalm 58:3, Romans 5:12-21, Isaiah 53:6). But by the incredible grace of God and loving sacrifice of our Lord, we are not condemned to remain that way. God's plan is to save us from our sin and restore our relationship with Him. Our salvation through Jesus' sacrifice on a criminal's cross has saved us from the penalty of past sin, the current power of sin, and ultimately when we are with Christ in heaven, we shall be saved even from the very presence of sin. The cross stands at the center of human history as God's supreme act of love (1 John 4:10, 17) and the only means of redemption for lost and fallen humanity (Romans 14:9).

What is your response to Jesus' sacrificial love for you?

Let's review our Bible memory verse for this month. Write out Isaiah 53:5 once more:



Our Savior endured the cruelest form of torture so that we would not spend eternity separated from Him by sin. He suffered at the hands of enemies and friends alike. He suffered severe physical injury and great mental sorrow. He suffered greatly. A simple "thank you" to such a sacrifice falls woefully short. As His hands and feet on earth, each day affords you and me the opportunity to tell others about God's amazing love for all through the sin-destroying power of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Who will you share that amazing love with today?

Close with prayer:

✠ *Father, thank You for loving me so much. You gave up Your Son to undergo physical torture, humiliation and anguish so that I would be afforded the privilege of spending eternity in relationship with You. Open my eyes to see those around me who need to hear about Jesus' saving love for them. Give me the courage through the power of the Holy Spirit to tell them about Your amazing, sacrificial love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.* ✠



We pray that you were led closer to the Lord as
you studied Jesus' sacrifice for you through
Lesson 1 of "*The Stripes That Healed.*"

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Simply click on the **STORE** tab.
You will receive the complete study via email
in PDF format within 48 hours to download for
your personal use or in a small group setting.

The complete study contains
four full lessons based on Isaiah 53:5.

Blessings to you as you draw closer
to God through His Word and prayer.
It is our great privilege to serve you.



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