

20 - THE EXALTED SERVANT (ISAIAH 52:12-53:13)

I. The Reaction to the Servant (Isaiah 52:13-15)

- The Servant will act wisely and do what the Lord wants him to do.
- The Servant will be highly exalted.
- The phrase "lifted up" does not mean his death but his exaltation.
- The prophet states that many were appalled at the Servant.
- The Servant will sprinkle or cleanse many nations.
- Kings will shut their mouths at the reality of who the Servant really is.
- At that point, the kings will truly see what they did not understand before.

II. The Death of the Servant (Isaiah 53:1-12)

A. Israel's rejection of the Servant (Isaiah 53:1-3)

- Few people will believe the report concerning the Servant.
- Few people will believe that the servant came for the Lord.
- There was nothing about the Servant's appearance to draw the attention of others.
- They despised and rejected the Servant who experienced suffering and sorrows.
- They were repulsed by him and did not consider him important.

B. The Servant's substitutionary death (Isaiah 53:4-6)

- The Servant bore our sicknesses and sorrows, even though we thought he was punished by God.
- The Servant suffered for us because of our transgressions and sins.
- The Servant endured suffering for our peace and healing.
- We are like sheep that have gone astray and acted on our own.
- The Lord placed our iniquity upon the Servant.

C. The Servant's death (Isaiah 53:7-9)

- The Servant was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth in protest.

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- The Servant was like a lamb being led to slaughter.
- After his oppression and judgment, he was led to his death.
- He dies for the transgressions of the people.
- He was intended to be buried with the wicked, but was buried with the rich.
- The Servant suffered death even though he did not do wrong and spoke no lies.

D. The blessing of the Servant (Isaiah 53:10-12)

- The suffering and death of the Servant was the Lord's will.
- The Lord made the Servant an offering for sin.
- Even though he dies, the Servant will see his spiritual offspring and live forever.
- His death will satisfy and many will be justified by his sacrifice.