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Despised and Rejected, Beloved and Accepted

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**Isaiah 53:3, 4 He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...
Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...**

Jesus experienced sorrow and grief as He became the Lamb of God, throughout His punishment before, during, & after His time on the cross at Calvary. After He died, He descended into Hell, in place of fallen mankind, so that He could pay the demands of Heaven and still the howls of Hell that were barking after us! As God's Lamb of Sacrifice, He didn't make a sin offering, He WAS God's sin offering, in honor of us, as we had no way to be united to God without divine intervention! Jesus became personally acquainted with all sorrows and griefs that are common to us, so that He could share them, bear them, and, ultimately, wear them onto the cross of condemnation, then into the burial tomb of doom and gloom, and on into the halls of Hell, to leave them there, once and for all, for mankind's freedom from Hell, spiritual death, and separation from God! Jesus took our griefs, everything that brings grief into our lives, all that causes sorrow to us, He bore it, stripped it of its power against us, and made us victorious in union with Him, once we received His life, nature, & Spirit, in the New-birth!

53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed...

The sinfulness of humanity became the crown that He was adorned with by God, as He became the Lamb that carried away the sin of the world! The crown of thorns that was placed upon His head in mockery modeled His offering up by God as the bearer of every illness and sinful affliction common to man! It was our transgressions, our iniquities that caused Jesus to be riddled with punishment from Roman soldiers, demonic powers, by the permission of His Godhead companions (Father and Spirit) in the Holy Trinity! Everything requisite to us being restored to God in love, joy, and peace was paid for and provided to us through the punishment, death, burial, & resurrection of Jesus! These verse excerpts from Isaiah 53 gave a 'sneak preview' to Israel and Jewish people of what the Messiah would do in their behalf, and consequently, in behalf of the world of people throughout history! Healing is provided in redemption as fruit of the sufferings of the Messiah! That includes healing and restoration of spirit, soul, and body, for anyone that'll receive the gift of Eternal Life that the Holy Spirit brought after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, who went into the tomb completely dead, came out full alive, died as the Lamb of God, resurrected as the Lord of Glory!

Jesus is the Lord High Priest of the New Testament Church,
the Body of Christ!

53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and Jehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all...

All of the iniquity, sinfulness, rebellion, disobedience, that mankind had, does, and will commit, was dealt with by God, once and for all, in the sacrifice of Jesus, who bore the sin of many! The iniquity of us was placed upon Him, as the Scripture tells us repeatedly in this chapter of Isaiah, and that truth of redemption is echoed often in the New Testament! If God laid our iniquities upon Jesus, then the price is paid, the demands of the Law of Moses have been met, our righteousness debt is squared away in the Supreme Court of Heaven, by the offering up and sacrificial death of Jesus to the will of God concerning us! Hallelujah, whom the Son has set free, is truly free indeed!

53:8 for the transgression of My people He was stricken.

The truth is repeated again, first to the Hebrew people by the pen of Isaiah, and then to the world-at-large, many times throughout the entire New Testament that Jesus bore our transgressions, and all punishment permitted by God through the tormenting of Jesus, was in order to bring forgiveness, redemption, and salvation to anyone and everyone that would receive it by calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus for it! Everything that Jesus was afflicted with during His time of suffering and dying, was in our behalf, and all that He bore, He removed the power of it, stripping it of any authority against us! He who knew no sinfulness, became the bearer of our sinfulness, so that in exchange, we that knew no righteousness, have become the righteousness of God in our union with Jesus Christ! The Bible reminds us in 1 John 4, we have boldness in the presence of God, for as Jesus is, so are we, in this world, and on into eternity! What a great exchange we've been invited into by the grace of God!

53:10 Yet it pleased Jehovah to crush Him; to grieve Him; that He should put forth His soul as a guilt-offering...

How could God be pleased in turning Jesus over to the Jewish religious leaders and the Roman soldiers to be humiliated, ridiculed, beaten, and murdered? He was being offered up and sacrificed for us, to free us from every demonic affliction and from fear, confusion, condemnation, and judgement of guilt before God! Through the sufferings of the Redeemer, we are exalted over the powers of darkness as the children of God! The Heavenly Father of Jesus is now our Heavenly Father, and that's what He was pleased with in the course of Jesus being sacrificed: it afforded us the privilege to become a child of God, sibling of Jesus, and temple of the Holy Spirit. That greatly pleases the Holy Trinity, as it well as pleasing us beyond description!

53:11 By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify for many; and He shall bear their iniquities...

We have been legally justified before God corporately through the intervention of Jesus and then have received it literally and personally through the Holy Spirit entering into us when we called upon Jesus for Eternal Life! Once again we're reminded that the sin factor has been dealt with and removed from us by God through Jesus! Thus, we have no reason to fear or dread being in the presence of the Lord at His throne of great grace! In the Supreme Court of Heaven, we've been acquitted of sin and guilt; we're now justified, purified, sanctified, and glorified, as a result of what Jesus did for us and what the Holy Spirit does within us! Let us always remember that Jesus, the Righteous One, made intercession for us, the unrighteous ones, forever changing our standing with God!

53:12 and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors.

Sin came into the world through one man, Adam, and sin was dealt with by the authority of God through another man, Jesus! Just as Adam brought sinfulness into the world affecting every person, Jesus brought redemption from sin for everyone that believes it and receives it for themselves through becoming one with Jesus! The first man, Adam, brought condemnation; the Last Man, Jesus, brought justification; the first Adam brought spiritual separation between God and mankind; while Jesus brought reconciliation with God for man! What Adam caused for us adversely, Jesus fully redeemed us from! Let us be reminded of the divine truth that where sin abounded through Adam, God's grace does much more abound through Jesus, for us, to us, with us, in us, and through us! That's five flavors of grace! We are now kings and priests unto God, by grace, in grace, for grace!