

## Text — Isaiah 53:10-12 ESV

[Isa 53:10-12 ESV] 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**NEXT WEEK: “The Door” John 10:7-10**

### Outline: “Crushed”

- **INTRO**— Last week we winced at the thought of our savior as oppressed and afflicted, stricken for our transgressions, like a lamb led to sacrificial slaughter. But there is a tension, a nearly unbearable truth, that should cause us to gasp and yet fill our hearts and mouths with hallelujah. The taskmaster oppressing, afflicting, and delivering the servant to death was none other than God himself. Like Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit said perfectly, [2Co 5:21 ESV] 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Love of God that sent the only begotten was so that the Father could receive unto himself his own righteousness, the only acceptable sacrifice to be provided once and for all.
- v10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
  - QUOTE: "There was a divine purpose for the oppression of the servant." ESV Study Bible
  - It was the will of the LORD to crush him
    - In crushing him he has:
      - put him to grief— not just a physical death but ANGUISH on all fronts
      - made an offering for guilt— sacrificial system
        - resulting in:
          - seeing his offspring— he will see because he will LIVE (resurrection) [+ all his resurrected children; those who had strayed like sheep v6 have now returned BY FAITH]
          - prolonging of his days— understatement... EVERLASTING LIFE
    - the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand
      - the crushed is actually the executor, executing perfectly God's will
        - The Good shepherd who lays down his life and has the authority to pick it back up again

- v11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
  - The anguish has a point... propitiation [satisfaction] (also his own satisfaction, which is not divorced from the Father's satisfaction... think about that)
    - without regret... with purpose [eternal purpose FOR US, by faith]
  - by his knowledge... his experience... "acquainted with grief... he has borne our sickness... carried our pain"
  - MANY to be accounted righteous— distinctly NOT universalism, and yet not specific in that it goes beyond the immediate audience of the physical/national believing remnant of Israel and goes on to an eschatological believing Israel made up of every tribe tongue and nation and innumerable multitude, yet still MANY and not all
    - back to the main point, this SERVANT/SAVIOR will bear their iniquities
      - He will apply to himself the wicked lawlessness of many and impart to them his full account of righteousness
        - ONE MORE TIME— For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. — Paul the Apostle
- v12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.
  - QUOTE: "Like a victorious general who has conquered the enemy, the Servant will be victorious through his death, dividing the spoils of war by conquering sin and Satan."
  - CSB translation best captures this tone...
    - [Isa 53:12 CSB] Therefore I will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.
      - READ AGAIN

## **CONCLUSION: "... he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors."**

The lamb is more than a lamb. The servant is more than a servant. He alone is ABLE to bear the sins of many, and to simultaneously and authoritatively offer the priestly duties of intercession, presenting the now atoned for rebels/transgressors before God as CLEAN, ACCEPTABLE, RECONCILED!