

Isaiah 53:6

Do this:

I. See Problem - GUILT

A. Universal: All we... have gone astray - like sheep.

God always seeks to be very, very simple in speaking of human needs. So He selects an illustration of what men appear to Him to be.

Note: men are not sheep, but they act like sheep.

Defn - Sheep are animals that are silly, i.e. foolish, defenceless, timid. This is not a very complimentary illustration.

Like sheep which have a tendency to wander, and are usually unable

To find their way back - we have gone astray

Astray from the Shepherd, + from the sheepfold.

Here Isaias touches upon the very purpose of God in creation. See also Rom. 3:23.

Cf. Psa. 58:3; 14:3; Rom. 3:12.

Motivated by hunger, or by fear (when wild animals approach), or by thoughtlessness, sheep have a tendency to err, to miscalculate.

Cf. Mt. 9:36; Zech. 10:2.

So to go astray means to forsake the Lord and the protection of the sheepfold. We feel we are the masters of our own fate; God considers us as sheep.

B. Personal - "we have turned everyone to his own way."

What a marvelous thing to discover this. In going astray, we are left to our own resources.

We have all sinned, but we have not all sinned the same way. This is what makes comparisons ridiculous. The most righteous person alive today is still as a sheep gone astray in the sight of God.

"His own way" - in contrast with God's ways, and even in contrast with the ways of others.

There is a loneliness which sin produces. You may start out with the crowd, but the time comes when you face the situation for yourself.

II. The Solution: GRACE.

"The wages of sin is death" - this is unalterable

Death should be the consequence.
But look at this expression

A. The source - JEHOVAH - He who is (the same). Sin has not changed Him, or His love. Cf. Rom. 5:8.

Re: Jehovah, cf. Ex. 6:1-8; 3:11-14
He never changes, He keeps His covenant.
He is unaltered by men - even their sin.

B. The means - "Him", the Servant of the Lord, Christ.

How important it is to know if He is involved in sin!

C. The method - Jehovah laid (caused to meet) on Him the iniquity (and its guilt).

This defies exposition. Cf. 2 Cor. 5:21.

D. The benefactors - us all.

Celvin and limited atonement

Cf. 1 Jn. 2:1, 2.

It is only as you are included in
the first all that you will want to
be included in the second all.

Concl: But, this is not the whole Gospel.
Salvation is not automatic for
all men. The work of redemption
has been done, but faith must
be exercised

Cf. 1 Pet. 2:25. Only place quoted
in N.T.

See V. II.