

The Gospel in the Old Testament

**An Offering for Sin
Lesson 10
Isaiah 52:13–53:12**

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The Gospel in the Old Testament

- ▶ Good news – salvation
 - Salvation from sin and condemnation – the curse (1 John 4:14)
 - Exaltation of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:9-11; John 5:39)
 - The Gospel is the “storyline” of the Bible
 - The eternal plan for restoration rather than destruction
 - A progressive revelation
- ▶ The structure of the plan of salvation is revealed in 4 Everlasting Covenants
 - Noah – the earth, animal life, mankind
 - Abraham – blessing (salvation), a great nation, all nations, the Seed
 - David – a monarchy ruled by a Son of David
 - Jeremiah – a new heart and forgiveness of sins
- ▶ Mosaic (Old) Covenant – temporary to reveal sin (Rom 3:20; Gal 3:19; 4:30)

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- ▶ The Crown Jewel: Jesus Christ and the Cross (Hebrews 13:20-21)
- ▶ The redemptive work of Jesus Christ is all over the Old Testament
 - Genesis 3:15; 22:14; the Law; the Messianic Psalms
 - Salvation by faith (Gen 15:6; Prov 3:5-6; Ps. 32:10)
 - Emphasis upon the lovingkindness and faithfulness of the LORD (Ps 40:10-11)
 - Salvation by forgiveness and righteousness is taught (Ps 32:1-2; Isa 61:10)
 - The eternal wrath of God against sinners is taught (Ps 1:4-6; Isa 66:24)
- ▶ The redemptive work of Jesus Christ is “hidden” in the Old Testament
 - John the Baptist is the sole voice for this redemptive work (John 1:29)
 - Peter - an Old Testament believer (John 6:66-69; Mark 8:31-33)
 - Isaiah alone shines the light on this essential work of the Messiah

An Offering for Sin (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

- ▶ Introduction (52:13-15) – a surprising revelation about “My Servant”
- ▶ Narrative description (53:1-3) – the life of “My Servant”
- ▶ Doctrinal explanation (53:4-6) – the meaning of the life of “My Servant”
- ▶ Narrative description (53:7-9) – the death of “My Servant”
- ▶ Doctrinal explanation (53:10-12) – the meaning of the death of “My Servant”

Waiting for the Messiah

- ▶ Isaiah's message: wrath and restoration
 - Isaiah 1-39 – the coming Assyrian invasion
 - Isaiah 40-66 – the Babylonian captivity of Judah
- ▶ The coming Redeemer
 - Virgin born (7:14)
 - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (9:6-7)
 - Righteous Judge (11:4-5; 24:1-23)
 - Iniquity removed; destruction of the serpent (1:18; 33:24)
 - Restoration of Israel (35; 40:1-2)
- ▶ My Servant, the Redeemer and Savior of Israel (42:1-4; 43:3)

An Astonishing Appearance (52:13-15)

- ▶ Behold – an astonishing announcement – pay attention!
- ▶ “My Servant” – will prosper; high and lifted up and greatly exalted
- ▶ “My Servant” – marred more than any man
- ▶ “My Servant” – sprinkle many nations – priestly work
- ▶ “My Servant” – Kings silent before Him as they see and understand

The Life of “My Servant” (53:1-3)

- ▶ The unknowable message in an unrecognizable form
 - The arm of the LORD - the salvation of our God (Isa 52:10; 59:16)
 - Must be revealed
- ▶ A tender shoot – vulnerable (Isa 11:1)
- ▶ A root out of parched ground – the forgotten family of Jesse
- ▶ No “stately form or majesty” – not even a pleasant appearance
- ▶ Despised and rejected of men
- ▶ A man of sickness and pain – normal human experience under the curse

“My Servant’s” Life Explained (53:4-6)

- ▶ Man of sorrows and Substitute for sinners
- ▶ He was made flesh – truly human
 - Bore our sicknesses (griefs) and pains (sorrows) – endured (Phil 2:7)
 - Smitten of God and afflicted
 - Perfected through suffering (Heb 2:10)
 - Designated by God as a High Priest of the Order of Melchizedek (Heb 5:8-9)
- ▶ He was made sin – the sinless Son of God had our sins placed upon Him
 - Each has turned to his own way (47:15; 56:11)
 - The LORD caused our sins to fall upon Him (2 Cor 5:21)
 - The perfect High Priest becomes the perfect sacrifice for sinners

The Death of “My Servant” (53:7-9)

- ▶ The trials in 3 courts – oppressed and afflicted by man
- ▶ Lamb of God – a willing sacrifice
- ▶ False justice – an innocent man condemned
- ▶ He was executed – cut off from the land of the living
- ▶ True justice – a substitute for those “to whom the stroke was due”
- ▶ Buried with the rich – Divine testimony of His personal innocence

“My Servant’s” Death Explained (53:10-12)

- ▶ The good pleasure of the LORD will prosper
 - Pleased to crush Him (John 3:16)
 - “My Servant” offered Himself as a guilt offering for sinners
 - He was numbered with the transgressors - bore the sin of many
 - The eternal plan for a holy and blameless people (Ephesians 1:4)
- ▶ Resurrection
 - He will see His seed
 - He will prolong His days
- ▶ “My Servant” – the Redeemer
 - He will justify the many – by His knowledge (knowledge of God)
 - The Great High Priest – Interceded for the transgressors
- ▶ “My Servant” – exalted (52:13; 53:12)

An Offering for Sin

- ▶ Hidden God for 3,200 years
- ▶ Hidden in plain sight (Exodus 34:6-7) – forgive iniquity, and not forgive iniquity
- ▶ Lovingkindness and truth
 - God is love
 - God is faithful