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