

Pastor's Welcome Class 7 Key  
*Healing in the Atonement*

I. (Isa. 53:4, 5 NKJV) refers to the redemptive sufferings of Christ.

*<sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

A. Verse 4 says, "*Surely He has borne...*" Surely (certainly, absolutely) He has borne something for us, and *surely... He has carried* something for us.

1. **Borne (past tense of to bear):** to lift, to bare, to carry away, to cast away, to ease, to erase, to take away. This speaks of one person taking the burden of another and placing it upon himself. The two main ideas conveyed by this word are:

- a. To remove the load.
- b. To take the load.

2. **Carried (past tense of to carry):** to bare or to carry. The idea is that the full load is born by the one carrying it so that all others might be free from it.

II. What did Jesus bear for us, and what did Jesus carry for us?

A. Verse 4 says that "*<sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.*"

1. The words "griefs" and "sorrows" are the result of an unfortunate translation.

2. The words that were translated "griefs" and "sorrows" are the two great Hebrew root words for "sicknesses" and "pains".

3. Any good Bible concordance, reference Bible, or modern translation will bear this out.

4. (BBE) *But it was our pain he took, and our diseases were put on him: while to us he seemed as one diseased, on whom God's punishment had come.*

5. (JPS Jewish Publication Society) *Surely our diseases he did bear, and our pains he carried; whereas we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

6. (YLT) *Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, and our pains--he hath carried them, and we--we have esteemed him plagued, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

B. However, if there is any doubt about this it is cleared up by the Holy Spirit's own commentary on this verse in (**Matt. 8:16,17 NKJV**) in which Matthew, writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit literally quotes Isa. 53:4: <sup>16</sup>*When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,* <sup>17</sup>*that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."*

1. Jesus healed all who were sick in order to fulfill Isa. 53:4.

2. The fulfillment of Jesus bearing our sicknesses and carrying our pains is healing for all.

3. Matthew proves that Isa. 53:4 refers to the bearing of infirmities and the removal of sicknesses.

4. If you are dealing with infirmity and sickness in your body today, I want to encourage you. Jesus has already accomplished the bearing of sickness and the carrying of pains on your behalf.

5. You may now receive your healing.

6. What He bore for you, you need not bear. You need not bear sickness and pain.

### III. When did Jesus bear our sicknesses and carry our pains?

A. The answer is found in (**Isa. 53:4, 5 NKJV**) <sup>4</sup>*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.* <sup>5</sup>*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

B. **Question:** When did the Jews esteem Jesus to be stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted?

C. **Answer:** On the cross; when He was being wounded for our transgression and bruised for our iniquities.

D. On the same day, on the same cross, Jesus not only bore our sins, but He also bore our sicknesses as well.

### IV. How did Jesus bear our sicknesses and carry our pains on the cross?

A. Verse 5 gives us the answer: *"by His stripes we are healed."*

B. Prior to His crucifixion, Jesus was scourged by the Romans. (**Matt. 27:24-26 NKJV**) <sup>24</sup>*When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am*

*innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children.”<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had **scourged Jesus**, he delivered Him to be crucified.*

C. The Roman scourge consisted of many small whips. There were small fragments of bone, metal, and stone tied on to each whip. So, every time the scourge fell on the body of the person who was being whipped it would plow stripes into the flesh. It was a cruel, disfiguring beating from which many victims died before they reached the cross.

D. Three other prophecies in Isaiah describe this event.

1. **(Isa. 50:5, 6 NKJV)** <sup>5</sup>*The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. <sup>6</sup>I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.*

2. **(Psalm 129:3 NKJV)** <sup>3</sup>*The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long.”*

3. **(Isa. 52:14 NKJV)** describes how Jesus was disfigured during this scourging. <sup>14</sup>*Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage (appearance or shape) was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men.*

E. The Hebrew word translated “stripes” in Isa. 53:5 literally means “to be bound with stripes, to be a weal, a black and blue mark, or a bruise.

F. Jesus bore our sicknesses and accomplished our healing by means of the stripes, the black and blue marks, the bruises, the wounds, and the plow marks in His flesh which He bore to the cross.

G. That is when He lifted and removed our sicknesses from us, and bore and carried them for us. That is when He assumed the burden our sickness and disease.

H. By means of the stripes He received at the whipping post and bore in His body on the cross, He accomplished our healing.

I. The Hebrew word translated “*healed*” in verse Isa. 53:5 is translated in over 100 other places in the OT and always refers to physical healing.

1. It is used once of healing bitter waters and once of healing the soul.

2. It is never used of healing the spirit of man.

3. God did not heal our spirits; He regenerated them in the new birth. (2 Cor. 5:17 NKJV) <sup>17</sup> *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

V. Peter quoted Isa. 53:5 in (1 Pet. 2:24 NKJV) <sup>24</sup> *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

A. Notice that the verb tense is changed. Peter refers to our healing as a past tense event. By whose stripes you WERE healed.

B. In the mind of God, Jesus has already healed us.

C. In the mind of God you were healed at the cross.

D. It is not a matter of God deciding if He wants to heal you or not. It's a matter of you receiving the healing He has already provided for you.

E. Sickness is not a "cross" you have to bear. Jesus has already borne sickness and disease for you on His cross.

F. When you are sick you are not suffering for Jesus. He already suffered sickness for you.

G. Your healing is an accomplished fact of redemption, just like your forgiveness is an accomplished fact of redemption.