

I. Isaiah 53 – Various Scriptures

A. **Isaiah 53:4-6 (NKJV)** – ⁴*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

B. **Isaiah 53:10-12 (NKJV)** – ¹⁰*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

Note: Through God's mercy, compassion and grace, Jesus bore everything relating to sin on our behalf.

II. Isaiah 54 – Various Scriptures

A. **Isaiah 54:1-3 (NKJV)** – ¹*Sing, O **barren**, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For **more** are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman," says the LORD. ²**Enlarge** the place of your tent, and let them **stretch** out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; **lengthen** your cords, and **strengthen** your stakes. ³**For you shall expand** to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited*

- **Barren = fruitless – non-producing**

Whoever/whatever has been barren will begin to be fruitful

More, Enlarge, Stretch, lengthen, strengthen, EXPAND

For those who will enjoy the benefits of the New Covenant in Jesus, expansion and increase will be yours.

- **The enlargement of the limits of territory**

Limits taken off.

B. Deuteronomy 12:20 (NKJV) – *When the LORD your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, ‘Let me eat meat,’ because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires.*

- **EXPAND vs 3 (KJV) – break forth**
break out – break through – break over the limits
- **Deuteronomy 12:20 (AMP)** – *For you will spread out to the right and to the left; And your descendants will take possession of nations and will inhabit deserted cities.*
- **Deuteronomy 12:20 (Aramaic)** – *Because to the right and left you shall increase*
- **Deuteronomy 12:20 (GNT)** – *You will extend your boundaries on all sides.*

NOTE: Expansion, increase and fruitfulness are all blessings of the new covenant.

C. Isaiah 54:7-14 (NKJV) – ⁷*“For a mere moment I have forsaken you, **but with great mercies I will gather you.*** ⁸*With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; **but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,**” says the LORD, your Redeemer.* ⁹*“**For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.*** ¹⁰*For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, **but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,**” says the LORD, who has mercy on you.*

¹¹“O you afflicted one, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, and lay your foundations with sapphires. ¹²I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones. ¹³All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. ¹⁴In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Note: Our covenant is a covenant of mercy!

- III. **Psalm 145:8-9 (NKJV)** – ⁸*God’s character includes **MERCY** the LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. ⁹The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His work*

Mercy – compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm:

Compassion – sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it

Kindness – the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate:

- IV. **Hebrews 8:7-9 (NLT)** – ⁷*If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. ⁸But when God found fault with the people, he said: “**The day is coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant** with the people of Israel and Judah. ⁹This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. **They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the LORD.***

NKJV – DISREGARDED THEM

AMP – I withdrew my favor and disregarded them.

Pastor's Note: *When they disregarded their covenant with Him, He had no choice but to leave them to themselves.*

Hebrews 8:10-13 (NLT) – ¹⁰*But **this is the new covenant I will make** with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. ¹²**And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.***

¹³*When God speaks of a “new” covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.*

NOTE: The Mercy of the Old Covenant did not allow God to personally deal with their sin. It was only a temporary fix. The mercy of the new covenant permanently deals with Sin through Jesus at the cross.

V. Jesus and Mercy

A. **Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)** – *But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*

B. **Matthew 14:14 (NKJV)** – *And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*

C. **Matthew 20:30-34 (NKJV)** – ³⁰*And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” ³¹Then the multitude warned*

