

Vision 2026:

Advance

Introduction: I'd like to invite your attention to the book of Isaiah, chapter 53.

Isaiah is in the Old Testament, which is the first part of your Bible. The second part is called the New Testament.

If you need to use the index, that's cool. If you are using an app, it's in the same place.

Now, if you are watching today & are checking out Christianity, or maybe returning to the faith of your childhood, or maybe you're not even sure there is a God, I'm glad you are here. You are welcome with your doubt, uncertainty or questions & we pray God will reveal the truth about Himself to you.

Now, lets look at the text together.

He was Wounded

Isaiah 53:1-5

*Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
²For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground.
He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him,
There is no beauty that we should desire Him.
³He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*

*⁴Surely 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. NKJV*

A. He was Wounded

a. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be pierced —violently opened. {The “stripes were not a mere bruise.} The Hebrew word לָלַחַץ (chalal) carries this imagery.

Its first letter, Chet (ח), pictures a fence or wall — a boundary *meant to enclose, protect, & keep something whole & set apart.*

- i. Jesus’ body was the perfect, holy temple of God — whole, intact, & undefiled. At the crucifixion, that sacred boundary was deliberately breached. Nails pierced His hands & feet; the spear thrust into His side. The wall was broken up. What was meant to remain enclosed & protected was exposed, violated, & laid bare.
- ii. In this breach we see both the horror of the cross & the depth of His love: Jesus allowed His protective wall to be torn down so that we could be forgiven, & enter the presence of God.

b. חָלַל (chalal) mean “to pierce,” it also means to profane, to defile, & to desecrate.

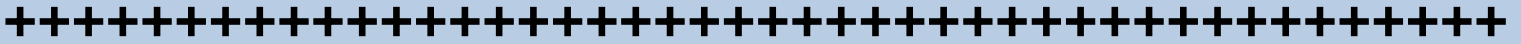
Isaiah foresaw that the Messiah’s death would be more than physical torture — it would be a deliberate desecration of the Holy One of Israel.

The piercing was meant to be fatal. The intent was not just to wound Him, but to humiliate, disgrace, & pollute the sinless Son of God.

- i. On the cross, Jesus was numbered with transgressors, cursed by hanging on a tree, & treated as the lowest & most defiled.
- ii. The Holy became Profaned so that the profane could be made holy. By His wounds — these piercing, defiling wounds — we are healed (**Isaiah 53:5**).

c. He bore the violation of His body & the desecration of His name so that our broken lives, our guilt, our shame, & our separation from God could be healed.

B. For the next few minutes, I pray Holy Spirit keeps this in your soul – Isaiah 53 tells us that Jesus’s flesh was opened, His blood poured out & His life exposed to death.



John 19:32-35 (BIBLE)

John 19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. NKJV

Remember the application:

I. **His Boundary {Jesus, Messiah} was Broken... so ours could be Restored.**

Jesus was wounded that I might be:

A. Saved

- a. **Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus:** Nicodemus was a respected Jewish leader who assumed his standing with God was secured by his heritage. Jesus challenged that assumption directly & made salvation clear: *You must be born again!*
 - i. This means new life—regeneration through the work of God.
 - ii. No merit of yourself. *Ephesians 2:8* *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not** of yourselves; it is the gift of God. –*
- b. **You are born again**
 - i. By the creative power of God. – **2 Corinthians 5:17**
 - ii. You are reborn into royalty to the King of kings, the Almighty – a King's kid – As King He guides, directs & teaches. –
 - 1) **John 1** says, “*as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God*” *God is King, His children share in His inheritance.*
 - 2) **1 Peter 1** “*an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.*”
 - 3) **1 Peter 2** “*you are a royal priesthood*”
 - 4) **Romans 8** “*heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ...*”
 - iii. It opens the door, the entrance into the presence of the Divine. Jesus teaches, “*I am the Door.*”

- c. The new birth is more than a religious experience; it is the miracle of regeneration—the impartation of new life through the power of God. – *When God saves you, He does more than forgive your past—He transforms your identity.* –

B. In Him – In Christ

- a. Listen to this! – Romans 8:1 – “*in Christ Jesus*” describes a Believer's spiritual position and relationship with Christ. As a result, there is “*no condemnation.*”
- i. What made Noah safe from the death of the flood? He was “in” the ark.
 - ii. God no longer sees you according to your sins but according to Christ's righteousness. – *2 Corinthians 5:21* *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* – His righteousness becomes your covering.
- b. *Colossians 2:10* *and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.* NKJV
- i. This “completeness” is compared to the infilling of the Tabernacle in the time of Moses with the glory of God.
 - ii. Be so completely occupied, saturated, & empowered by God's presence that there is *no room* left for anything contrary to His will. *Acts 17:28* *for in Him we live and move and have our being.* NKJV

C. Redeemed

Galatians 3:13 Christ has **redeemed** us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)

NKJV

- a. The Apostle Paul’s teaching on redemption is “to purchase a slave with the intent of setting them free.”

When the LORD saves, He does more than rescue you from bondage—He redeems you back into the family, restoring a right relationship with Himself. – Relationship Redemption – Just as Boaz did for Ruth (Read Ruth 4)

- b. God pursues, runs after you as a rich man towards a poor man for charity. His charity is grace & mercy.

Exodus 6:6 Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the Lord; ¹ I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, ² I will rescue you from their bondage, and ³ I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

D. Healed

- a. *Philippians 3:10* that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death NKJV -

When you come to Christ as Saviour, you join in the fellowship of His sufferings. In the fellowship of being one with Him is your healing.

- b. The Passion Translation says it this way, “He endured the punishment that made us completely whole TPT.” “with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole. AMPC”

- i. He heals our mental, emotional, unhealed hurts & inner wounds.
- ii. The “chastisement of our peace” - Truth joined to sustaining correction that shapes the mind.

II. Conclusion

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B. The reason we can do this is because of the resurrection of Christ.

- **He asks us to:**

* *Repent*

* *Live by Faith*

* *Be Baptized*

* *Be Filled with His Spirit*

Conclusion: PRESENT THE GOSPEL FOR SALVATION – EVERY WEEK – AND THE NEED TO COME FORWARD IN PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST.