

## We Live, Because He Died and Rose Again

Isa 52:13-15 <sup>13</sup> Behold, My Servant shall (prosper) *deal prudently*; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. <sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred (by man) *more than any man*, and His form (by) *more than any of the sons of men*; <sup>15</sup> So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

Throughout the world today, men have been made mindful of the resurrection of our Lord. This is in a sense the heart of the hope of the elect of God. Paul summed it up thus for us in his first letter to the church at Corinth. 1 Cor 15:12-19 *“Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up — if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.”*

Either Christ died, and rose again, providing for us a means of victory beyond the grave or our faith is in vain. As we begin to look into Christ as He is presented to us in Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53 I trust you will come to take great comfort, in who Christ is, and what He, at the bidding of the Father, has done in our behalf. Truly, we live, because Christ died. And most importantly, he rose again from the dead. My prayer is; that this series may be a great blessing in your behalf.

This morning we shall; 1. Behold, God's Servant, 2. Behold how He suffered great humiliation on behalf of His elect. 3. Behold with amazement the one who astonished mankind and now reigns over kings. And then ask why?

A. The word 'behold' instructs us to take special note of God's Servant. - *Behold, My Servant*

1. The design here is to direct the mind to the Messiah.
  - a. Become aware of Him
  - b. He is not to be considered lightly
2. He is called the Servant of God
  - a. He came to do the will of His Father

*Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come — in the volume of the book it is written of Me — to do Your will, O God.'"*

*Heb 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*John 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

- b. He was obedient even to the death of the cross

*Phil 2:6-8 Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself. . .*

- c. Came not to be served but to serve
    - d. Always mindful that even though He has the title of "Servant" He will be exalted for our sake.

3. Behold the Servant will prosper; He will complete what He has purposed to do.
  - a. It is important to be aware of both His humiliation and His glorification.
  - b. Be aware of who He is and what He has accomplished.
4. He will be exalted - *he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high*
  - a. He rose victoriously from the tomb. - *He is not here; for He is risen Matt 28:6*
  - b. He has been given a name above every other name.
  - c. Angels and authorities and powers are made subject unto him' (1 Peter 3:22)
  - d. He is at the right hand of the Father, far above all principality, power, might and dominion (Eph 1:20-22)

*Eph 1:20-21 “. . . seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”*

- e. He will return in great glory to judge the world. (Matt 25:31,32)

B. It is true He will suffer great humiliation on behalf of His elect.

*Isa 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, so His appearance was marred by man, and His form by the sons of men;*

1. Men were astonished, trembled, shudder when they saw Him dying on the cross
2. Does not necessarily refer to his face, but to his general appearance.
3. Marred by man, He was beaten, buffeted and crown of thorns upon His head.
  - a. His appearance was defaced, destroyed, disfigured.
  - b. His face would have been bloodied and bruised and swollen.

C. Behold with amazement the one who astonished mankind and now reigns over kings - *Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.*

1. Although men were astonished, made to tremble at the sight of his humiliation.
2. Even kings now stand silent before Him
3. Kings and Rulers of the earth have been among His servants.
4. Our Lord rightly holds the glorious title - King of kings and Lord of Lords
5. The preaching of the Word is sufficient - *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17)*

*Ps 2:10-11 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

CONCLUSION: Brings us to this question; Why? - <sup>15</sup> So shall He sprinkle many nations

1. To provide for His elect a means of cleansing.
2. Sprinkling throughout the Old Testament is a sign of cleansing
3. Truly by His shed blood He has provided a cleansing for the nations

*1 Peter 1:2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ*

4. The promised given to our father Abraham has been completed.

*Gen 22:18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed*

5. Truly we live, because He died and rose again