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The Servant–King Who Suffered and Ascended

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

I. Reasons to be Amazed

Theology

History

Sublimity

Salvation

The roots of our being made righteous by the righteous Servant are found in His bearing our sins. His sin-bearing work is basis of our righteousness. Christ justifies men by giving to them His own righteousness, and taking in turn their sins on Himself that He may expiate them. Not only “did He bear our sins in His own body on the tree,” but He will bear them in His exaltation to the Throne, and only because He continuously and eternally does so are we justified on earth and shall we be sanctified in heaven (Alexander Maclaren)

II. The Final Servant Song

Paul emphasizes these two facts about the gospel (cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-11; Rom. 4:25; etc.):

- The death of Jesus Christ for our sins, and
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The First Stanza: Exaltation through Humiliation

The Second Stanza: A Man of Suffering

The Third Stanza: The Wonderful Exchange

The divine path of atonement worked by the Servant involves a two-way interchange:

- On the one hand, “the Lord punished him for the iniquities us all” (v. 6)
- On the other hand, “we are healed by his wounds” (v. 5)

The Fourth Stanza: The Death of Our Lord

The Fifth Stanza: He Will Reign

III. The Invitation Song

Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17).