

Sunday, February 23, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

68. The Sacrificed Servant – Isaiah 53:7-9

Introduction: We see pictured a procession wherein the Servant is led out to His death in the midst of a people who are both thoughtless and clueless as to why He has been sentenced to death. At the end of these events we find the Servant's burial a testimony of His innocence.

- I. A Willing Sacrifice – vs. 7
  - A. Oppressed and Afflicted
    1. Oppressed – a reference to brutal torment
    2. Afflicted – bowed down, “kept Himself in a state of submissiveness”
      - a. He submitted to being struck down – He decided, obeyed, yielded, volunteered
      - b. He stood silently, surrendering to injustice and death
  - B. Without Resistance – Mark 14:60-61; Luke 23:9
    1. A lamb and sheep go to whatever awaits them
      - a. Slaughter or shearing – they don't know where or why they are going, they just go
      - b. He knew, and went with (pre)determination – Acts 2:23
    2. No physical or verbal resistance – Phil. 4:6-7
    3. Who has ever had more right to complain about their circumstances or treatment? – Phil. 2:12-16 (context 2:5-11)
    4. A submitted mind (heart) and silent tongue – He did not deserve to die, but was willing to die
    5. We sin because we want to; He died because He wanted to
      - a. Only a person can substitute for a person
      - b. Only a consenting, obedient will can substitute for a rebellious will
- II. A Substitutionary Sacrifice – vs. 8
  - A. Sentenced
    1. Arrested and imprisoned – all restraint and protection removed
    2. Nothing could stop the proceedings to which He submitted Himself
  - B. Taken Out to Die – Prov. 24:11
  - C. Who Protested?
    1. No one in His circle protested after Peter in the Garden
    2. What did His generation (contemporaries) miss?
      - a. He was sent to die – Psa. 27:13; 116:9; 142:5-6; Isa. 38:11; Jer. 11:19
      - b. He died for His people's rebellion, submitting to suffer what they deserved
  - D. “My People” – stricken by God in their place, for their guilt – John 10:14-16, 26-27
- III. A Sinless Sacrifice – vs. 9
  - A. Assigned His Grave
    1. How can a condemned man receive a rich man's burial?
    2. Wicked people and a rich man – Matt. 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42
  - B. No Violence, No Deceit – 1 Chron. 22:7-8
    1. Guiltless in motive, thoughts, words, and actions
    2. Not a man of unclean lips – Isa. 6:5; Matt. 12:34; 15:18
  - C. The House of the Lord – built not by one who sheds blood, but by One whose blood was shed – Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:16; Heb.9:11-15, 24-28