



The Making of a Godly Leader Isaiah 53:1-3
His Following

THE GODLY LEADER ENDURES THROUGH HARDSHIP

The Path of God's Servant

1 His Accomplishments (Isaiah 52:13-15)

(2) **ENDURES** { 2 His Following (Isaiah 53:1-3)

3 His Sufferings (Isaiah 53:4-6)

4 His Innocence (Isaiah 53:7-9)

5 His Purpose (Isaiah 53:10-12)

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The Puzzle to be Resolved

The Fourth Servant Song of Isaiah

"Just so he will **sprinkle** many nations."
Isaiah 52:13-15

How can one so horrifically mangled cleanse and purify the nations?

Isaiah 53

Enduring intense hardship

- Repeatedly targeted
- Cracking with each strike
- Persistent until split

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3 His Sufferings (Isaiah 53:4-6)
4 His Innocence (Isaiah 53:7-9)

“^{53:1} Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. ³ He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”

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Christ's suffering; the sufferings pictured in Isaiah 53, deepen our appreciation of His faithful service.

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Christ identifies with our struggles in serving others.



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2. Christ was personally avoided (Isaiah 53:2)

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- “Tender shoot”
- “Parched ground”
- “No stately form”
- Not “attracted to Him”

“... Leaders in distant nations, who expected that the answer to the problem of life might be given by a powerful Roman leader or by a great Athenian philosopher. To them, a Galilean peasant, living and dying in a little country on the very fringe of a great civilization, seemed like a frail plant, growing in a parched ground, altogether lacking the majesty and beauty that they would have expected to find.” (Gospel of Isaiah).

“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.” (Phil 3:8).



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3. Christ was socially rejected (Isaiah 53:3)

“3 He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him” (Isaiah 53:3).

- “Despised and forsaken”
- “Man of sorrows”
- “Men hide their face”
- “He was despised”

- Sigma from birth
- “Where is He from?” “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46).



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Three reasons God sent His glorious Son in such a way?

- Jesus’ main mission was to die for sinners; mission before acceptance.
- Jesus, the Pioneer of our faith, showed us how to humbly live out God’s will despite fierce opposition. No matter how bad it gets for us, it was always worse for Him.
- The world admires beauty, status, stature, influence, and wealth. Jesus proves these things are not important for a successful ministry.
- Only the Holy Spirit’s anointing and a persevering spirit are needed to obey the Father. [“And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district”](#) (Luke 4:14).



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1. What difficulties did Jesus face in His life and ministry?

2. What difficulties do you struggle with?

3. Do you believe the Lord can use you despite the challenges you face?

Discussion Questions


