



# The Making of a Godly Leader

## Session #2: Study Notes on Isaiah 52:13-15

### The Godly Leader Accepts God's Design for His Life

#### Key Themes for Isaiah 52:13-15

- **The Success of the Servant (Isaiah 52:13):** The servant is described as acting wisely and being exalted, rising from a low point to ultimate glory, linked to Jesus' humility and subsequent exaltation (referenced in Philippians 2:8-9). Success involves both wise action and achieving a high status after starting from a low status.
- **The Suffering of the Servant (Isaiah 52:14):** The servant's appearance is marred and disfigured, shocking onlookers, creating a paradox resolved by understanding it as part of Jesus' righteous path.
- **The Purpose of the Servant's Suffering (Isaiah 52:15):** The servant's suffering has a redemptive purpose, described as "sprinkling" or purifying many nations, bringing understanding and silence to kings, fulfilling a prophetic role where the unseen and unheard become known (connected to Romans 15:20-21 and 1 Peter 1:2).
- It breaks down God's Servant's journey into three phases:
  - **Accepts:** His accomplishments (Isaiah 52:13-15), where he accepts God's design, forming the basis for questions on success and wise action.
  - **Endures:** His following, sufferings, and innocence (Isaiah 53:1-9), highlighting trials and tests faced, though the focus here is on Isaiah 52:13-15.
  - **Embraces:** His purpose (Isaiah 53:10-12), fully embracing the redemptive mission, with "sprinkling" as a key concept.
- **Characteristics of a Godly Leader:** A godly leader follows three pursuits seen in Christ's life:
  - Seeking God's promises for direction and energy.
  - Enduring tests and frustrations, as seen in the servant's suffering.
  - Finding ultimate success through identification with Jesus' purpose, forming a "U" Pattern of descent (suffering) and ascent (exaltation).

## Fill-in-the-Blank Questions for Isaiah 52:13-15

Below are 10 questions with blanks for you to fill in based on the slide's content.

1. According to Isaiah 52:13, the Servant will act \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve success.
2. The Fourth Servant Song, covering Isaiah \_\_\_\_\_, describes the Servant's availability and purpose. (52:13-53:12)
3. The Servant's suffering is detailed in Isaiah 52:14, where his appearance was so disfigured that he lost resemblance with \_\_\_\_\_. (man)
4. In Isaiah 52:15, the purpose of the Servant's suffering is to \_\_\_\_\_ many nations, bringing understanding to those who have not heard. (sprinkle)
5. Philippians 2:8-9 explains that Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death on a cross and was therefore \_\_\_\_\_ by God. (highly exalted)
6. A godly leader accepts God's design for his life, which includes three pursuits: seeking God's \_\_\_\_\_, enduring trials, and finding blessing. (promises)
7. The "U" Pattern in Isaiah 52:13-15 shows the Servant starting low but being \_\_\_\_\_ on high, symbolizing hope and final success. (exalted)
8. According to Romans 15:20-21, the Apostle Paul's ministry extended the Servant's purpose by preaching to those who had no \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. (news)
9. The concept of "sprinkling" in Isaiah 52:15 is compared to purifying water in \_\_\_\_\_, symbolizing cleansing. (Numbers 8:7)
10. The summary of a godly leader's life includes success, suffering, and \_\_\_\_\_, all exemplified by the Servant, Jesus Christ. (sprinkling)

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| Answers: wisely, 52:13-53:12, man, sprinkle, highly exalted, promises, exalted, news, Numbers 8:7, sprinkling |
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