

The Sunday School Lesson

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Victory Through Suffering Isaiah 53:1-6, 10-11

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I. The Rejection of the Servant (Isaiah 53:1-3)

Our lesson continues this week with the servant. In this lesson we see the suffering of the servant. Isaiah asks two questions here: (1) Who will believe what he has said? Certainly, this is a familiar question among believers today; because many people hear the gospel of Jesus Christ but few believe. (2) To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? This refers to how many would truly receive the report about the servant that would suffer for mankind.

The servant would come into the world through natural birth and grow into a man. He would come out of a spiritually dead nation (Israel) who would not recognize Him as the deliverer for Israel. He came as an ordinary man; there was nothing that set him apart in His outward appearance that shows His deity.

Jesus came to a sinful world to redeem sinful man, yet He was rejected and despised by the very world He came to redeem. It is sad that a lost and dying world would not accept the Savior because He was a carpenter's son, even though many saw the mighty works that He performed during His

earthly ministry. This was heartbreaking to the Son of God just as Israel did not understand the plan for Jesus' suffering that mankind could be redeemed, most of the world today does not understand or care what Jesus does for them at Calvary.

II. Healing Through Wounds (Isaiah 53:4-6)

The servant would suffer not for His sake but for our sake. He was smitten of God not because He deserved it, but that we could escape.

The servant suffered for your sins the peace of man was born by Him. Our since sick souls were made whole by the sacrifice of the servant. Salvation came and will heal the scars of a sin sick world.

Just as a lamb who is lost from the fold is helpless, without hope, with non one to protect or guide us, we suffer. Away from the protection of god, man is vulnerable to everything that the devil has to throw at us. For his reason Jesus was willing to lay down His life and bare the iniquity of all. Because He died for our sins, we can live.

III. Pleasing God Through Suffering (Isaiah 53:10-11)

In verse 10 it would seem that God would be pleased for the servant to be bruised, but He was pleased at what the results would be as a result of the suffering. As a result of the servant's sacrifice, there would come forth seed. Many will believe on the Son of God and be saved. Through dying He would live and god would honor Him for making a way for sinners to be saved.

Through Jesus' suffering, God was satisfied that the sin debt requirement for mankind had been met. Because of Jesus' sacrificial death, we are justified in the sight of God. God who cannot look on sin can look on us through His son Jesus who shed His blood on calvary that we could be reconciled back to Him.

unsaved person, consider the message in Isaiah 52:13-12, look at and read this passage of Jesus' suffering and willingness to take your sins upon Him, see Jesus through the eye of faith and let Him come into your

heart so that you too can live. Remember God went to great measure to keep you out of hell. Do not do as Israel did and reject the only escape that is provided from eternal damnation. God loves you and wants to save you right now where you are. What will your answer be? You can go to hell any way you choose but you can only go to heaven in the way God has chosen. God bless you until next week. Pray for us.



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Activities at Pembroke Housing Authority

The Housing Authority has opened a second Youth Center that is housed within the Strickland Heights Community Building. Although this center is only opened part time, it will be a great help to the residents.

According to Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear, the Public Housing Drug Elimination Coordinator, the center was opened on January 22, 1996 in order to give residents an opportunity to attend Adult Basic Education classes at Robeson Community College Extension Center that is located at Strickland Heights. "Some residents wanted to attend class, but did not have anyone provide child care for their children," says Locklear. The classes are Monday and Tuesday nights from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Locklear would like to thank the many residents that have already enrolled in the class.

The Youth Center at Manor will continue to be opened from 2:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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Charles R. Eilber Physical Education Center
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February 24, 1996.

Intertribal Dancing 1-5 pm, 7-11 pm
Host Drum: Stony Creek Invited Drums: Southern Sun, Red Wolf, and Wabunoojig
Master of Ceremonies: John Blackfeather Jeffries Color Guard: Eagle Warrior Society
Head Man Dancer: E. J. Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi) Head Lady Dancer: Mandy George (Catawba)
Head Little Boy Dancer: Joe Ledesma (Aztec-Apache/Waccamaw Siouan)
Head Little Girl Dancer: Allison Brayboy (Lumbee-Cheraw)
Indian Arts and Crafts Traders by prior approval only. No contests, just plenty of good singing & dancing.
Traditional give-away for singers and dancers.
Information: On Weekdays - Joe Liles or Dana Long at 919-286-3366. Nights and Weekends - Joe at 919-286-9401 or Dana at 919-732-8776.

Admission: \$2; 6 to 12-\$1; 5 and younger free (All proceeds go to support the powwow).
This will be a traditional Indian gathering.

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