

Text: Isaiah 53

WHO WILL DECLARE HIS GENERATION?

Isaiah 53:8b

1. Usually the family of the deceased would “declare His generation”
2. The Messiah would be suddenly “cut off” thus He has no “family” to declare His generation
3. But there would be no end of people committed to declaring His generation
 - a. The Prophets
 - b. The Apostles
 - c. Believers who love the Lord

THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF THE MESSIAH

1. They made His grave with the wicked-but with the rich at His death Isaiah 53:10a

a) The words “grave” and “death” are used interchangeably in this text

b) With the wicked

Jesus was crucified at Calvary; two thieves were also crucified with Him

c) With the rich

Jesus was put into the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

Matthew 27:57-60

2. Important Declaration

a) He had done no violence Isaiah 53:9c

b) No deceit in His mouth Isaiah 53:9d

GOD’S STANDPOINT

1. It pleased Him Isaiah 53:10a

a) This does not mean God takes pleasure in Christ’s suffering

b) It means that God was propitiated

i) Divine justice demands the paying of a penalty for sin

ii) Christ’s suffering and death paid the penalty of sin

iii) Thus God was pleased that Christ was willing to bear great suffering for the sake of redemption

2. God was not unfeeling towards Christ's suffering

a) He had to put Jesus through grief Isaiah 53:10b

b) Christ had to make an offering of His very soul (that is, "life") for sin Isaiah 53:10c

POST-SUFFERING

1. He shall see His seed Isaiah 53:10d

a) Believers in Christ

b) They are His seed

2. He shall prolong His days

a) Hint of His resurrection

b) He will prolong His days (reference to "eternal life")

3. The pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand

a) Pleasure of the Lord

i) The things that bring glory to God

ii) The things that God delights in

b) Shall prosper in His hand

i) The works of Christ

ii) The work of Discipleship

iii) The work of forming the church

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 4:17

*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment,
Is working in us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*