

The Victorious Redeemer

Isa 53:12 *Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

At the beginning of this series on the Suffering Servant we read these words in Isaiah 52:13, *"He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high."* And then began the several proclamations of His humility, rejection and suffering.

The verse before us this morning is the summation of the Servant of God regarding His final victory over the enemy and the means whereby He obtained that victory and His continuing place of service at the throne of God in behalf of His church. Now it should not surprise us that Christ is victorious for indeed He is the great Creator, Sovereign Ruler over all. The fact of His humiliation should surprise us, but it should never cause us to question His deity, His glory nor His sovereignty over all things even in the flesh He was God manifested in the flesh. Therefore all that He did was in accordance with His power and His glory. And that is why I said it should not surprise us that He was victorious, but it is the manner in which He became victorious that is so amazing and I trust truly humbling to each one of us this morning. When we think upon the fact that He left the glories of heaven above, set aside the glory of His equality with the Father, humbled Himself, took upon Himself the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death even the death of the cross.

How can we even begin to comprehend the love of God to us His elect people revealed to us in this passage of holy Scripture. We can only respond with thankful praise as we now consider these words, *"Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."*

The spoils of the great battle. The means of the victory. And the continuing service our great God provides for us His people.

A. The spoils of the great battle - *Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong*

1. In a word Isaiah here proclaims the victory that followed the humiliation and death of our Lord.

2 Cor 13:4 For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God.

Acts 2:34-36 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Ps. 110:1)

2. God says here that He will grant to His Servant the spoils of the great battle.

a. He grants these spoils not only to Christ but to many.

b. We are joint-heirs therefore we share in these great victories our Lord has gained

3. The spoils of the great battle can be summed up thus that Christ subdued sin, death, the world, and the devil in our behalf.

a. He subdued the last great enemy, death itself.

1 Cor 15:54-57 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

b. He has delivered us from the corruption that is in this world.

*2 Peter 1:4 ". . . exceedingly great and precious promises have been given to us, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having **escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.***

1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

c. And finally Satan himself, that Great Deceiver, has forever been destroyed for Satan is now powerless against the preaching of the Gospel.

Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

*John 12:31-32 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, **if I am lifted up** from the earth, **I will draw all peoples to Myself.**"*

4. Another spoil of the great battle is an eternal Kingdom which is the church itself.

Ps 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Ps 48:1-3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.

Heb 12:22-23 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven.

5. God has now given to our Lord an elect people from among the nations

Ps 2:7-8 "I will declare the decree: . . . Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

6. And most importantly you and I are part of His spoil

*Eph 4:7-8 But to each one of us grace was given **according to the measure of Christ's gift**. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Ps. 68:18)*

- a. You have been made His captive
- b. You have made a part of His royal household

B. The means of the victory - *because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

1. He poured out His soul, His life, unto death.

*Heb 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, **that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.***

2. He was numbered with the transgressors because He stood there in our place as the condemned sinner

- a. He who knew no sin became sin for us.
- b. A summing up of the great depths of this passage.

Isa 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Isa 53:6 And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:8 For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

Isa 53:8 When He made His soul an offering for sin,

3. He made intercession for the sinner He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors

- a. He is our Advocate, our Mediator before the Father.

*1 John 2:1-2 ". . . **we have an Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

- b. He stands in our place proclaiming "I have paid the price, I have made propitiation in their place"
- c. He has fully atoned for our sins

CONCLUSION: Now He ever lives to make intercession in our behalf. - *made intercession for the transgressors.*

Jesus Christ has appeased the justice of God in our place

On that great day He will be our righteousness before God

He will be the covering of our sin.

He has interceded in our behalf.

As Calvin says, "no small consolation comes to us, when we hear that Christ not only died for us to reconcile us to the Father, but that he continually intercedes for us."

*Heb 7:24-25 But He, because He **continues forever**, has an **unchangeable priesthood**. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.***