

Isaiah 53:3-12 DOES NOT TEACH PENAL SUBSTITUTION

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3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief and as it were we hid our faces from Him. He was despised and we did not think highly of Him.

4 Surely our griefs He has borne and our sorrows He carried and yet we thought Him to be stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the discipline for our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray, every one to his own way we have turned and God has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted and yet He did not open His mouth as a lamb to the slaughter. He was led and as a sheep before its shearers is silent so He did not open His mouth. 8 From prison and from judgment He was taken and His generation did not consider that He was cut off from the land of the living and was stricken for the transgressions of My people. 9 And they assigned Him a grave with the wicked and with the rich as His death although He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief when You make an offering for sin. His soul shall see His seed and He shall prolong His days and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 The labor of His soul He shall see and be satisfied. By His knowledge, shall My Servant make many righteous, for their iniquities He shall bear.

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great and with the strong He shall divide the spoil upon that He poured out unto death His soul. With the transgressors He was numbered and He bore the sin of many and for the transgressors made intercession.

Verse 4 does not say that Jesus was stricken of God as if He was being punished.

Verse 5 does not say that Jesus was punished to bring us peace. It does say that the disciplined life of Jesus brings us peace. Hebrews 5:8 explains this by saying that Jesus learned obedience by what He suffered. Not that Jesus was ever disobedient, but that He experienced every situation of life in which He remained disciplined and obedient. Jesus became the perfect Second Adam by dying sinless and was given by the Father all authority, power, and judgment.

Verse 10 does not say that God was punishing Jesus or pouring out His wrath on Jesus. It does say that God was allowing all our sin to bruise Him and the purpose was to condemn sin (Romans 8:3). Sin has been sentenced to removal from all creation (Revelation 20,21,22).

Verse 11 says that omniscience of all our sin was laid on Jesus at the Cross. By His knowledge, He bore our iniquities. And the purpose was to bring many people to righteousness. By His death and resurrection, Jesus condemned sin to the fullest. He arose with all power and authority to judge sin and remove sin through future specific judgments.