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The Servant's Sovereign Success

Lesson 3 • Isaiah 52:13-15

Welcome!

Good morning! I hope we will be able to meet like this every Sunday at 9:30 AM until we can gather again as a local, called-out assembly!

In the meantime, this will temporarily take the place of our **9:30 Discovery Hour**. Everything is fluid right now and we're seeking to keep in step with the Spirit and do what's best for our church, our community, our city, and our country.

INVITE OTHERS to JOIN US. LIKE, SHARE, and COMMENT ALONG the WAY.

My number one recommendation for those of you who are LifeBridge members or regular attenders – seek to maintain a Lord's Day routine of meeting together at 9:30 and 10:45 AM. Get up! Get ready to worship together! Eliminate as many distractions as possible! And if you have a Bible **AND I HOPE YOU DO!** – open it to the passage and take notes as we learn together!

If you are not a member or attender and this is first time viewing us online – **WELCOME!** Whether you are believer or a seeker or somewhere in between, you are welcome to watch and learn! we want to minister to you during this difficult time...and hopefully meet you in person as the lord wills!

- Previous teaching and notes in this series can be found under MESSAGES at WeAreLifeBrldge.com
- Previous audio for the New Life Class can also be found on the iTunes New Life Podcast.
- Notes for this lesson can be download with suggestions for Family Worship.
- Video of this teaching will be uploaded on the LifeBridge Facebook Page (@WeAreLifeBridge).

3 Observations About Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

- The **SPLIT** between Ch 52 and Ch 53 *is* one of the worst ones in the Bible.
- The **SIGNIFICANCE** of this passage *as* one of the greatest in all the Bible.
- The STRUCTURE of 5 stanzas with 3 lines each [with the 1st line of each stanza introducing the Big Idea!]

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12	THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH
52:13-15	Behold the Servant's SOVEREIGN SUCCESS
53:1-3	Behold the Servant's SHAMEFUL SUFFERING
53:4-6	Behold the Servant's SACRIFICIAL SUBSTITUTION
53:7-9	Behold the Servant's SILENT SUBMISSION
53:10-12	Behold the Servant's SAVING SATISFACTION

How Did God's Servant Succeed in Saving a People Out of Many Nations? Isaiah 52:13-15

1. WISE ACTION: He Will Pursue God's Will with an Obedient Heart. (52:13a)

"prosper" NAS "be successful" CSB "act wisely ESV "succeed" NET

2. UNIVERSAL EXALTATION: He Will Press on in Light of God's Future Rewards. (52:13b)

"high (raised)" + "lifted up" + "exceedingly exalted"

- The Servant will be exalted in way that only God is worthy of = Equality with Deity!
- The Servant will be exalted in way that no other human is worthy of = Sovereignty over Humanity!

3. BRUTAL HUMILIATION: He Will Persevere through His Present Sufferings. (52:14)

- His suffering is so bad...
- His humiliation is so great...
- His person is so beaten...

4. BLOOD REDEMPTION: He Will Provide Redemption for Israel and Many Nations. (52:15a)

1Peter 1:1-2; Hebrews 10:22; 12:24; 9:13-14

5. GOSPEL PROCLAMATION – His Servants Will Proclaim the Good News of His Salvation to the Nations. (52:15b)

Romans 15:15-21

Shout the Good News

The Suffering Servant Experienced Sovereign Success to Save a People Out of Every Nation!

The Gospel enables us to be saved by the Sovereign Savior and to share in His success as His servants. Isaiah 65: 13-15

There is a "Not Yet" to the Servant's final exaltation: Jesus has yet to return with His Kingdom to be exalted over all the earth!

Isaiah 49:7-8; Philippians 2:9-10; Revelation 6:15-17; 11:15; 19:17-21: 21:24; 22:2

But in the **"Now"** there is the offer of personal transformation: Repent and trust Him as your Sovereign Savior.

Acts 2:22-24, 33-41; 3:13-15, 26; 4:23-31

What Does This Mean for Us Today?

Your sins can be washed clean by His blood and your heart can be transformed to become a successful servant like Him!

- **Pursue wise action** by loving the Servant-King with an obedient heart.
 - If your heart has **never been transformed** by the Good News of God's salvation in Christ, then repent of your self-trust and a sinful lifestyle and receive the Jesus as your Saving King!
 - If your heart has *already been transformed* by the Good News of God's salvation in Christ, then continue to live as His faithful servant with an obedient heart.
- > Press on with Christ's resurrection power in light of your future exaltation with Him in His coming Kingdom.
- **Persevere through** your present humiliation with Christ to discover the fellowship of His sufferings.
- > Praise Christ for providing you redemption as a free gift bought by His precious blood.
- > Proclaim the Good News of the gospel to all people groups across the street and around the world.

Family Worship Ideas from Today's Lesson

- Read Isaiah 52:13-15 and Philippians 2:1-16 together as a family.
- > Sing or watch a video of All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name or Crown Him with Many Crowns.

Examples: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N9_SdxW4c or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itUNSwS4q9E https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xHVtE3BT0c

> Discuss how you can apply Philippians 2:1-4 during this season of social distancing in light of the Servant's Sovereign Success (see Phil 2:5-11). You may want to read and discuss Philippians 2:12-16 as well.