

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Fall Term of 2003**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE DIVINE ECONOMY IN THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**

Message Twenty-six

**The Revelation of Christ  
as the Servant of Jehovah in the New Testament Economy**

Scripture Reading: Isa. 52:13—53:12

- I. Isaiah 52:13—53:12 reveals Christ as the Servant of Jehovah not in the Old Testament economy but in the New Testament economy:**
- A. In the Old Testament, Isaiah 53 is the unique chapter that bears the color, taste, and atmosphere of the New Testament.
  - B. As the Servant of Jehovah, Christ acted wisely and prospered in the pleasure of Jehovah—52:13a; 53:10b:
    - 1. Christ acted wisely not according to the Old Testament economy but according to the New Testament economy; He did everything according to the New Testament economy—1 Cor. 1:22-24.
    - 2. The Father's pleasure was that Christ would die on the cross for His chosen people and then rise up from death and enter into resurrection—Matt. 16:21.
  - C. Christ has been exalted and lifted up, and He is very high—Isa. 52:13b; Acts 2:33; Heb. 7:26.
  - D. Many were astonished at Him, for His visage and form were marred (disfigured) more than that of any man—Isa. 52:14.
  - E. He surprised many nations, and kings shut their mouths because of Him—v. 15.
- II. Isaiah 53:1-12 is the report of the prophets based upon the revelation of Jehovah:**
- A. The prophets preached the New Testament gospel in the New Testament economy, but no one believed their report, which was based upon God's revelation—v. 1.
  - B. In the New Testament economy, it was unveiled and reported concerning Christ that He "grew up like a tender plant" and "like a root out of dry ground"; this is a reference to the incarnated Christ, who grew up before God like a tender plant—v. 2a.
  - C. Jesus had no attracting form or majesty; He had no beautiful appearance that we should desire Him—v. 2b.
  - D. As the incarnated Savior, the Lord Jesus lived a suffering and sorrowful human life; He was despised and forsaken of men, and He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief—v. 3.

- E. As the crucified Redeemer, the Lord Jesus sacrificed Himself for our trespasses for the accomplishing of Jehovah's eternal redemption—vv. 4-10a:
  - 1. He bore our sicknesses and carried our sorrows—v. 4.
  - 2. He was wounded because of our transgressions and crushed because of our iniquities; He was stricken, smitten, afflicted, wounded, crushed, and chastened in our place that we may be saved—v. 5; 1 Pet. 2:24.
  - 3. Jehovah caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him—Isa. 53:6.
  - 4. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth—v. 7.
  - 5. He was taken away by oppression and judgment and was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgressions of the prophet's people—v. 8.
  - 6. His grave was assigned with the wicked, but with a rich man in His death—v. 9.
  - 7. Jehovah was pleased to crush Him, to afflict Him with grief, and He made Himself an offering for sin—v. 10a.
- F. As the resurrected Life-giver, the Lord Jesus produced a seed for the building up of His Body as His continuation for Jehovah's pleasure and His satisfaction—vv. 10b-11:
  - 1. The thought of a life-giver is implied in the seed, which is produced by life:
    - a. Christ as the Servant of Jehovah is the Life-giver so that He can produce a seed—v. 10b.
    - b. In resurrection He produced a seed for His satisfaction and for the Father's pleasure.
    - c. The seed produced by Christ in His resurrection is His believers for the building up of His Body as His continuation.
    - d. The Father is pleased with the Body of Christ, which is constituted with the seed brought forth by Christ as the life-giving Spirit.
  - 2. Christ has extended His days by producing a seed to build up His Body, and this Body of Christ is still extending.
  - 3. He will see the issue of the travail of His soul and be satisfied—v. 11:
    - a. This issue refers to the many who are justified (made righteous) by knowing Christ, for the purpose of building up the Body of Christ.
    - b. All the justified ones will be regenerated and become His seed, the members of His Body.
- G. As the ascended Victor, Christ, the Servant of Jehovah, shares the spoil with God for His triumphant glory—v. 12:
  - 1. In His ascension, Christ shares the captured ones with the Great and the Strong—with God—v. 12a.
  - 2. As Jehovah's Servant, Christ poured out His soul unto death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet He alone bore the sin of many and interceded for the transgressors—v. 12b.
  - 3. Because Christ did all these things, God counted Him as the Victor, and now He is qualified to share the spoil of the spiritual war on earth.