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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.