

HOPE FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

BIBLE BASIS:

Lesson Scripture:

Isaiah 53:1-3; Luke 1:46-55

BIBLE TRUTH:

God gives hope to all who suffer. .

**MEMORY VERSE: READ Hebrew
4:16**

LESSON AIM:

That you will learn that God gives hope to all
who suffer.

Introduction

- The report spoken of in 53:1 is the revelation of the suffering and vicarious death the Messiah would experience at the hands of evil men, for the redemption of world and all mankind. This would be such a scandal, Isaiah wondered who would believe the report.
- How could the Savior of the world come and men not be drawn to him? The scandal gets even worse, the savior would not only be shunned but even rejected of men.
- Isaiah makes this prophecy approximately 750 years before it actual happened.
- 750 years after Isaiah spoke these words from God, their fulfillment was under way as Mary praised God for exalting her a poor and lowly subject to be mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Responding to Elizabeth's word, Mary spoke a psalm of praise to God.
- He came as a suffering servant, and astonished a few people in Palestine. The Messiahs coming as a humble servant did not meet the expectations of Jews which were looking for a conquering king. In spite of Israel's rejection of the Messiah, He loved them unconditionally and willingly gave his own life as a ransom for us all. Jesus Loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!!!

The Report

- Isaiah 53:1-3 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? [2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. [3] He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

- The unbelief of Israel is now announced: they seen Him, heard Him, but would not trust Him. John 1:11, 12:37-38.

- They ejected His words (report) and His works, (the arm) They also rejected His person.

- He was not born in a palace; He was born in a Bethlehem stable, and He grew up in the despised town of Nazareth John 1:43-46.

- The word tender plant literally mean a little bush. In other words, Christ was not a great tree, but a humble bush,

- When he appeared, it was when the nation was barren and dry spiritually. They had a form of religion, but they had no life; and because He brought life, they rejected Him. This offended the Jews who could not believe that God would come in the form of a Servant. Mark 6:1-3

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The Lord

- **Luke 1:46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,**
- If the world was surprised to find that Gods promise would be fulfilled through and ordinary and even rejected man. Mary was just as surprised that God would chose her to give birth to the Messiah.
- God was the subject of Mary's song. Mary was not singing about herself; she was not praising herself. She was not thinking about things which she might accomplish.
- Mary was bound to be tired and exhausted. She had just arrived from a long trip and had not even had time to sit down. As soon as she walked in the door, Elizabeth began her proclamation of praise under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Mary's song followed right on the heels of Elizabeth's song.
- Mary forgot her tiredness, for her faith was being confirmed. She now knew that the angel who had come to her was not a figment of her imagination, not an illusion, not a false vision, not some dreamy state of mind (Luke 1:28). He was real; and his message that she, as a virgin, would bear the Son of God was true. Her faith was reassured and confirmed.

My Savior

- [47] And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. [48] For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
- God was Mary's Savior. Mary said three significant things. God saw her need for a Savior. Mary recognized her need, that she was a sinner and needed a Savior just like everyone else. And, more importantly, she made a *personal confession*: "God is *my* Savior." She was proclaiming that God saw her need and saved her.
- Mary recognized where she had come from, just how lowly a person she was. In the eyes of the world she was a *nobody*: *poor, unknown, insignificant, of little purpose and meaning* in life.
- God usually chooses the least person to more clearly demonstrate His mercy and power. (1 Cor. 1:26-29).
- We must all know and never forget where God brought us from. **Rom.3:23, Rom 5:8, 1Tim. 1:15, 1Pet. 3:18**
- No matter how *low*, how *nothing* we may be, God cares and will reach down and out to us. He will take us by the hand, lift us up, and give us purpose, meaning, and significance. John 10:10

He Will Help Us

- [49] For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. [50] And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation..
- Mary proclaimed God's power. Two things in particular were in her mind, The promised Messiah was *now* to be born. The hope of the world was now to be fulfilled after so many generations of waiting. God was now going to work the greatest miracle of all time, giving birth to the Son of God..vs 35
- As Mary testified, "He that is mighty hath done *to me* great things."
- Mary proclaimed God's holiness: "Holy is His name"; that is, God is to be set apart as different from all others. 1 Peter 1:15-16. God is both pure and perfect.
- What makes a person like Mary fit for the masters use? Mary proclaimed God's mercy. God has mercy on the meek and lowly. James says, has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith. The meek will not take the credit by will glorify God for his mighty acts. 1Corn 1:25-29

Re-arranging The World

- [51] He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. [52] He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. [53] He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- Mary saw three things as having already happened before the Saviors birth. What Mary saw was that the Lord had reversed the order of things on earth. He had done it with “the strength of His arm.”
- The Lord had scattered the proud. The Lord had dethroned the mighty and exalted the humble. The mighty are those who sit in positions of power, authority, and influence over others. 1Corn 1:23-30
- The picture concerns those who take their power and...seek their own ends..fail to serve..deprive others..push..abuse others..enslave others..by-pass others..misuse others
- Mary predicted that at the end of time, the Lord will have dethroned the mighty and exalted them of low degree. Matt. 19:28
- The Lord had filled the hungry and emptied the rich. Those who were rich only in this world’s goods are seen stripped of all their earthly goods and sent away empty. However, the hungry are filled. Eph. 1:3

God Remembers

- [54] He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; [55] As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever
- God had helped His people. Two specific helps were proclaimed.
- God had remembered His mercy. The people (Israel) desperately needed God's mercy and God's deliverance. They were enslaved by the Romans; therefore, they were frantic in their search for deliverance, so frantic many were turning to false messiahs and other answers to escape their plight. Some were even finding their security in the Roman state and in humanistic answers instead of God. If a people ever needed God to remember His mercy, it was then. Mary proclaimed that the Lord had remembered His mercy.
- God had remembered His promise of the Messiah. He had promised the Messiah to the fathers of Israel, to Abraham and to Abraham's seed. And note: the promise had now been fulfilled. God had sent the Messiah, the Savior of the world. John 4:22; Rom 4:13
- **Gal. 3:13-16 .John 8:42)**
- **The God of the unexpected. Let's Expect the unexpected.**