



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through Isaiah 53:1-7

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the law and the prophets in the Hebrew Scriptures that show us our need of a savior and that point us to the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today, we particularly thank You that the prophet Isaiah so perfectly described what Jesus the Messiah would do when He came; otherwise, we might be unbelieving because of the way He was treated by the religious leaders, the Romans, and the people when they rejected Him as the promised Messiah of God. You revealed in and through Jesus the loving power of Your Spirit when He healed the sick, raised the dead, and confounded those who tried to trick Him with their questions. You showed that what He taught from You was true, because He fulfilled the prophets' words regarding what He would say and do when the Messiah came. Still, we are dismayed that when Jesus came into the world the people rejected Him and did the very things that Isaiah said they would do to Him. He came during a spiritually dry time in the life of God's people. As with the fig tree that Jesus cursed for its total lack of fruit, Jesus did not find any spiritual fruit in the lives of those who heard Him teach and saw His miracles. Yet, He did not curse them; instead, He loved them enough to die for them. He did not need to curse them and make an example out of them as He did the fig tree. He felt and expressed deep love for and sorrow over the way those He came to save treated Him. He knew they would indeed reject Him and how they would when He came. But Jesus came to bear our griefs and sorrows because of our sins that had separated us from God. He came, suffered, and died a cruel death that those who saw Him suffer and die misinterpreted, for they thought God was punishing Him for His sins. Yet, when Jesus suffered and died, He bore the curse and punishment we all deserve for our sins. Through His Son, though we deserve death, God the Father showed His great love for us by saving us from the eternal consequences we deserve for disobeying our good God. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, we can have our sins forgiven, we can be cleansed from all our sins, and we can have peace with God and even within ourselves. We thank You Father for the Bible that teaches us every day the many benefits we receive each day because Jesus Christ freely gave His life as a Sacrificial Lamb and died in our place. Help us live in a way that will truly honor You and Him and express our love for You and Him for all You have done and continue to do for us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.