

# ISAIAH

## 53

<sup>1</sup> The people asked:

‘Who <sup>a</sup>believed our <sup>b</sup>message?

The \*Lord has shown that He is strong.

To whom did He show it?

<sup>2</sup> This man was like a small <sup>c</sup>plant

that started to \*grow,

like a <sup>d</sup>root that started to grow in dry <sup>e</sup>ground.

He was like a plant that we \*could not see,

a plant that was not strong or beautiful.

<sup>3</sup> The people hated him,

and they did not want to <sup>f</sup>accept him.

He <sup>g</sup>suffered a lot and he was always sick.

The people <sup>h</sup>turned away their faces,

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<sup>a</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the \*truth and not \*lying.

<sup>b</sup>**message:** the words of God that a \*prophet or someone tells people.

<sup>c</sup>**plant:** something that \*grows out of the \*ground, like a flower. [\*drawing # 166]

<sup>d</sup>**roots:** the parts of a \*plant under the \*ground that make it stand strong.  
[\*drawing # 168]

<sup>e</sup>**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or \*plant flowers and trees.  
[\*drawing # 75]

<sup>f</sup>**accept:** to be \*friendly and \*welcome someone.

<sup>g</sup>**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [\*drawing # 50]

<sup>h</sup>**turn your face:** when you don't want to look at someone and don't want to listen to him.

because they did not want to look at him.

The people said he was not <sup>i</sup>important,

and they said he was <sup>j</sup>worthless.

<sup>4</sup> But he became sick

so that we <sup>\*</sup>could be <sup>k</sup>healed,

and he <sup>l</sup>suffered so that we <sup>\*</sup>would not have to suffer.

And we <sup>m</sup>thought that it was God

who <sup>n</sup>punished him,

and who <sup>o</sup>beat and <sup>p</sup>humiliated him.

<sup>5</sup> Yes, they <sup>q</sup>pierced him with a <sup>r</sup>spear

because we have <sup>s</sup>sinned and <sup>t</sup>rebelled.

They <sup>u</sup>wounded him

because we have done wrong.

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<sup>i</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>j</sup>**worthless:** something that is no good, you can <sup>\*</sup>throw it away. [\*drawing # 110]

<sup>k</sup>**heal:** to make a sick person better, to make him <sup>\*</sup>healthy. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>l</sup>**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [\*drawing # 50]

<sup>m</sup>**thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

<sup>n</sup>**punish:** to make someone <sup>\*</sup>suffer because he has done wrong or to make him stop doing it. [\*drawing # 54]

<sup>o</sup>**beat:** to hit someone or something very hard. [\*drawing # 54]

<sup>p</sup>**humiliate:** to say or do bad things to someone to make him feel and look bad.

<sup>q</sup>**pierce:** to put a <sup>\*</sup>sword or <sup>\*</sup>spear into someone or something.

<sup>r</sup>**spear:** a long <sup>\*</sup>piece of wood or <sup>\*</sup>iron with a sharp <sup>\*</sup>point that a <sup>\*</sup>soldier can <sup>\*</sup>throw. [\*drawing # 61]

<sup>s</sup>**sinned:** when someone has done bad things <sup>\*</sup>which God hates.

<sup>t</sup>**rebel:** when a person is <sup>\*</sup>stubborn and does not want to listen to God.

<sup>u</sup>**wound:** to <sup>\*</sup>beat or <sup>\*</sup>hurt a person badly.

They <sup>v</sup>punished him so that we <sup>\*</sup>could have <sup>w</sup>peace,  
and he was <sup>x</sup>hurt so that God could <sup>y</sup>heal us.

<sup>6</sup> All of us were like sheep that were <sup>z</sup>lost,  
and everyone went his own way.

We have all done wrong,  
but God <sup>a</sup>punished him,  
and he had to pay for our <sup>b</sup>sins.

<sup>7</sup> The people <sup>c</sup>oppressed him  
and did bad things to him,  
but he said nothing. He was like a sheep  
that someone wants to kill,  
or that keeps <sup>d</sup>quiet and says nothing  
when they <sup>e</sup>shear its <sup>f</sup>wool.

<sup>8</sup> He was a <sup>g</sup>prisoner, and they said he was <sup>h</sup>guilty.  
Was anyone worried about him? No, no one.  
They cut him off from the living people,

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<sup>v</sup>**punish:** to make someone <sup>\*</sup>suffer because people think that he has done wrong.  
[\*drawing # 54]

<sup>w</sup>**peace:** to feel near God when He takes away all your <sup>\*</sup>sins and worries.

<sup>x</sup>**hurt:** to have pain, or when someone has <sup>\*</sup>beaten you. [\*drawing # 52]

<sup>y</sup>**heal:** to make a sick person better, to make him <sup>\*</sup>healthy. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>z</sup>**lost:** when you don't <sup>\*</sup>know where you are or where to go.

<sup>a</sup>**punish:** to make someone <sup>\*</sup>suffer.

<sup>b</sup>**sins:** bad things that people do <sup>\*</sup>which God hates.

<sup>c</sup>**oppress:** to do bad things to someone who is weak and can not fight back.

<sup>d</sup>**keep quiet:** when you don't speak or make a <sup>\*</sup>noise.

<sup>e</sup>**shear:** to cut off the <sup>\*</sup>wool of sheep.

<sup>f</sup>**wool:** the hair of a sheep, people use it to make clothes. [\*drawing # 138]

<sup>g</sup>**prisoner:** a person who is in <sup>\*</sup>jail or in <sup>\*</sup>prison. [\*drawing # 51]

<sup>h</sup>**guilty:** when a person has done something wrong, he is not <sup>\*</sup>innocent.

and they made him <sup>i</sup>suffer  
because his people did wrong.

<sup>9</sup>They gave him a <sup>j</sup>grave  
with the <sup>k</sup>guilty and rich people.  
But he had done nothing wrong,  
and he had never <sup>l</sup>lied.

<sup>10</sup>The \*Lord <sup>m</sup>decided that his <sup>n</sup>servant  
\*should <sup>o</sup>suffer and become sick.  
The Lord said he must be a <sup>p</sup>guilt-offering.  
That is why he will live <sup>q</sup>forever  
and have many <sup>r</sup>descendants.  
The \*Lord will use his servant to do  
what the \*Lord wants to do.’

<sup>11</sup> The \*Lord says:

‘My <sup>s</sup>servant has <sup>t</sup>suffered a lot of pain,

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<sup>i</sup>**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [\*drawing # 50]

<sup>j</sup>**grave:** a place where they \*bury the body of a dead person.

<sup>k</sup>**guilty:** when a person has done something wrong, he is not \*innocent.

<sup>l</sup>**lie:** saying something that is not \*true, it did not or will not happen.

<sup>m</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>n</sup>**servant:** someone who works for God and \*serves Him, like a \*priest.

<sup>o</sup>**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [\*drawing # 50]

<sup>p</sup>**guilt-offering:** a \*gift to God when a person said he had done wrong and asked God to \*forgive him.

<sup>q</sup>**forever:** it will go on and on, it will never stop.

<sup>r</sup>**descendants:** the children and families who are born from the same father.

<sup>s</sup>**servant:** someone who works for God and \*serves Him, like a \*priest.

<sup>t</sup>**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [\*drawing # 50]

but he will live and be <sup>u</sup>satisfied  
because he <sup>v</sup>knows Me.  
My servant is not <sup>w</sup>guilty.  
He is <sup>x</sup>righteous and  
he will make many people righteous,  
because he will be <sup>y</sup>punished  
for everything that they have done wrong.  
<sup>12</sup> That is why I will give him  
a place with <sup>z</sup>important people.  
He will be with the <sup>a</sup>leaders  
when they <sup>b</sup>decide what everyone must get.  
I will do it because he was willing  
to give his <sup>c</sup>life, to <sup>d</sup>sacrifice himself  
and to be with <sup>e</sup>sinful people

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<sup>u</sup>**satisfied:** to be happy and \*accept something.

<sup>v</sup>**know God:** to \*believe in God, to be sure that He will \*save and help you.

<sup>w</sup>**guilty:** when a person has done something wrong, he is not \*innocent.

<sup>x</sup>**righteous:** what people are like when God has \*forgiven their \*sins and they  
\*live in the right way.

<sup>y</sup>**punish:** to make someone \*suffer.

<sup>z</sup>**important:** people who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>a</sup>**leaders:** people who lead other people and tell them what they must do.

[\*drawing # 120, 136]

<sup>b</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing #  
41]

<sup>c</sup>**life:** the time that you live on \*earth, from your \*birth \*until you die.

<sup>d</sup>**sacrifice:** to give an \*offering to God to thank Him or to \*pray to Him.

[\*drawing # 1, 10]

<sup>e</sup>**sinful people:** people who are bad, doing things \*which God hates.

<sup>f</sup>while everyone <sup>§</sup>thought that he was one of them.  
The people have <sup>h</sup>punished him  
for the sins of many people.  
He <sup>i</sup>prayed for the people who <sup>j</sup>rebelled.’

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<sup>f</sup>**while:** when, at the same time.

<sup>§</sup>**thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

<sup>h</sup>**punish:** to make someone \*suffer.

<sup>i</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>j</sup>**rebel:** when a person is \*stubborn and does not want to listen to God.