

Changes of Speaker in Isa 53

Speaker:

52:13-53:12

The Lord

52:13-15 The Lord: **My** Servant, sprinkle, many, kings

Israel

53:1-6 Israel: **Our** rejection and recognition

1-3 Our **rejection** of him

4 Hinge: He hath **borne our griefs**, we did **esteem** him ...

5-6 Our **recognition** of his sacrifice for our sin

Isaiah

53:7-11a Isaiah: **His** sufferings and vindication

7-9 His sufferings

10-11a His vindication

The Lord

53:11b-12 The Lord: **My** Servant, justify, many, strong

Chiasm in vv. 1-3

Isa 53:1-3 Who hath believed **our** report?
and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Reason: He's
unimpressive

2 For he went up before him **as** a suckling, ,
and **as** a root out of a dry ground:
he hath no form nor comeliness;

Reason: He's
undesirable

and when **we** shall see him,
there is no beauty
that **we** should desire him.

**Reason: He's
unpopular**

3 He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with sickness:
and **as** the hiding of faces from him;

he was despised,
and **we** esteemed him not.

Confession of Rejection

53:3 “Despised and Rejected by Gentlemen”

1Co 1:26-29 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:** 27 But God hath chosen the **foolish** things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the **weak** things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And **base** things of the world, and things which are **despised**, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

The Inverted Hinge in 53:4

Hinge: short portion of text that structurally

- is not part of either of the neighboring portions,
- but contains links to both of them.

Commonly inverted: AbaB

We
rejected
him

1-6 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**.

4 Surely he hath borne **our griefs**, and carried **our sorrows**: yet **we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted**.

5 But he was wounded for **our transgressions**, *he was* bruised for **our iniquities**: the chastisement of **our peace** was upon him; and with his stripes **we** are healed. 6 **All we** like sheep have **gone astray**; **we** have **turned** every one to **his own way**; and the LORD hath **laid on him the iniquity of us all**.

We
recognized
our sin

Healing the Wounds of ch. 1

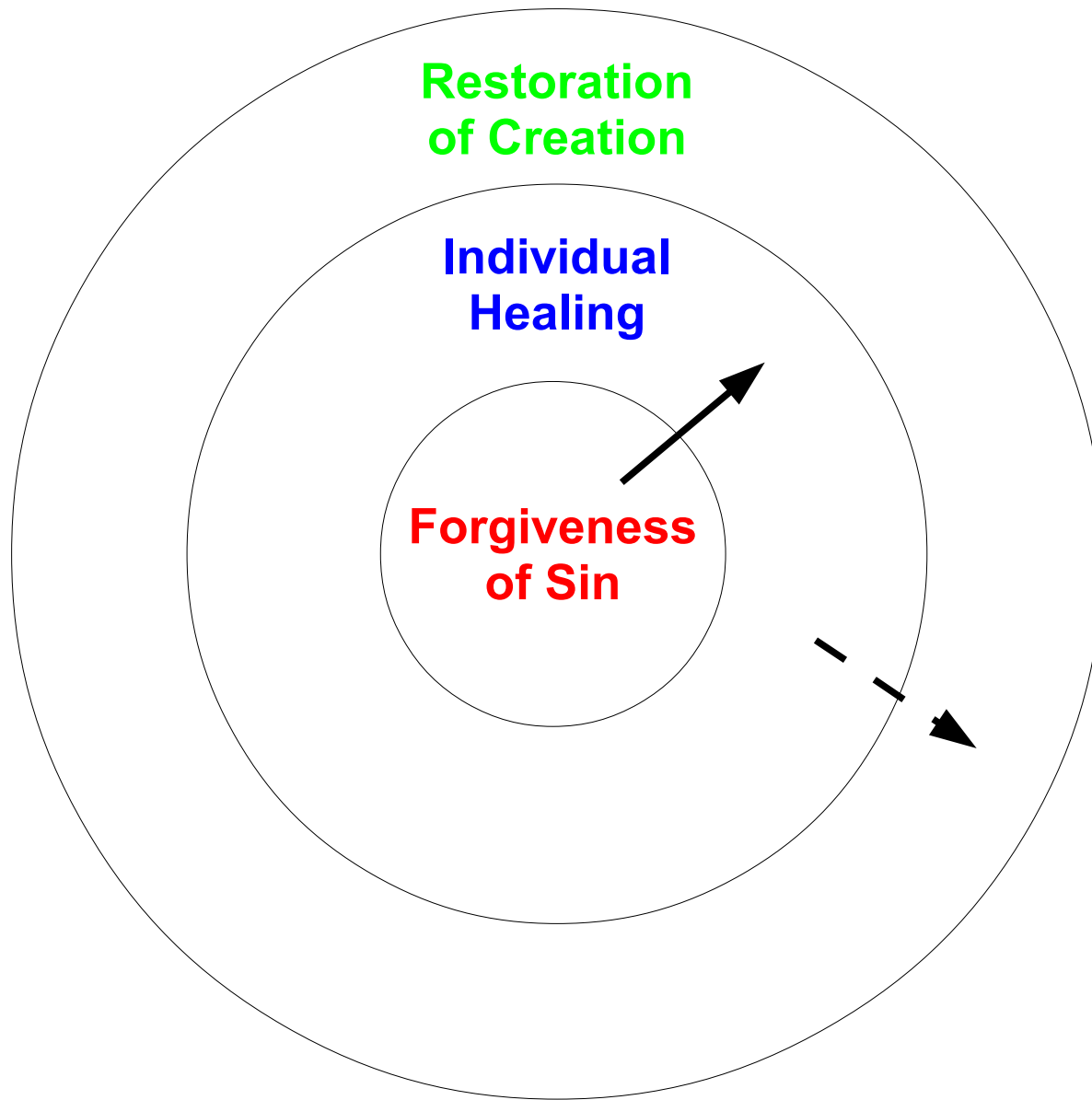
1:2-6	52-53
2 I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled פשע against me.	53:5 he was wounded for our transgressions פשע 53:8 for the transgression of my people was he stricken 53:12 he was numbered with the transgressors ; ... and made intercession for the transgressors .
4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity ,	53:12 he bare the sin of many 53:5 he was bruised for our iniquities 53:11 he shall bear their iniquities
5 Why should ye be stricken נכה any more?	53:4 smitten נכה of God
5 the whole head is sick חלי	52:14 his visage was so marred more than any man, 53:4 surely he hath borne our griefs חלי
6a wounds (bruises, the result of crushing)	53:5b he was bruised for our iniquities
6b bruises חבורה	53:5c with his stripes חבורה we are healed
6c sores (result of smiting; open & running)	53:5a he was wounded (pierced) for our transgressions

Is there “Healing in the Atonement”?

Isa 53:4 **Surely he hath borne our griefs [sicknesses], and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Mat 8:16-17 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.**

The Context of Divine Healing



Psa 103:2-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 **Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

Isa 35:5-6 **Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.**

Eras of Divine Healing

OT:

2Ki 5:1-14 Now **Naaman**, captain of the host of the king of Syria, ... **was a leper**. ... 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. ... 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was **clean**.

Life of Christ:

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During the book of Acts:

Phi 2:25-27 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. 26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. 27 For indeed **he was sick** nigh unto death: but **God had mercy on him**; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

Today: (examples in our own experience)

Limits of Divine Healing

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2Co 12:7-9 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a **thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing **I besought the Lord thrice**, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

1Ti 5:23 Drink no longer water, but **use a little wine** for thy stomach's sake and **thine often infirmities**.

Rev 21:1-4 And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ... 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, ... 4 ... God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be **any more pain**: for **the former things** are passed away.