

Isaiah

God's Servant Paid the Penalty for Sin
Isaiah 53:6

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Introduction

52:12–53:12 is the last of our Servant Songs. In this passage we will see that Savior of the world is seen suffering for the sins of the human race. Our verses today speak of Jesus taking the punishment for our sin.

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Jesus' death had a two-fold purpose. Last time we saw how Jesus' death brought peace with God and healing from sin. Today we will look at how Jesus paid the penalty for us going astray which is death.

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Isaiah 53:5-6

But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
 The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
 And by His stripes we are healed.

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Note that God compares people to sheep, for sheep have a tendency to go astray. It is also within the very nature of people to wander, to reject God and break His commandments. There are three aspects of our human nature cause us to drift away.

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1. By its very nature, our flesh lusts after the things of this world.

1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

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Desiring and coveting is a constant battle we face as humans. The flesh constantly lusts for more and more – a second helping of cake, a larger house, more wealth or power, more recognition or honor. The flesh lusts for sex, pleasure, and things, even if it involves sin. Such sinful behavior is what Scripture calls the **lust of the flesh**.

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2. In looking around, we see things that are attractive, desirable, enticing, or valuable.

And we want what we see, even if it is wrong and sinful. This is what the Scripture calls the **lust of the eyes**.

The world entices us to set our desires on the things of this world, rather than eternity.

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3. The **pride of life** also causes us to go astray.

Our selfish desire for recognition, honor, position, power, and fame is sinful, because it exalts us above others for selfish purposes. Position, power, and fame are to be used to serve and help others, not to exalt ourselves over them or to accumulate and hoard wealth.

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When sheep go astray, they are in danger of getting lost, being attacked, or dooming themselves. Within our very nature there is a tendency for us to go astray, following the lusts of our flesh and eyes and pursuing the pride of life.

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Notice that “ALL” have behaved as sheep and wandered away from the Shepherd. Many feel that they have been good enough to get to heaven, but Isaiah is clear that none have lived the life God expects. We have all wandered away. We are all guilty!

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This is reinforced by “we have turned”. We make the choice to sin. Instead of walking in God’s path, we make the willful choice to turn and chose something other than what God desires. We have no one to blame but ourselves. We see this in the Garden of Eden, and we see it every act of sin.

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Notice again “everyone” has turned away.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God.

We make the willful choice to go our own way.
Instead of walking with the “Good Shepherd”
we chose to astray. We are all guilty of sin.

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But there is wonderful news. Christ
died to deliver us from the sin of going
astray and from its penalty, which is
death. This He did by bearing sin for
us. It was for this very reason that
Jesus came and died.

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Note what Scripture says: God **“laid on Him”** the iniquity of us all. Our sins were actually lifted off of us and **placed upon** Christ. He **bore** the weight and the penalty of sin for us. This is what is known as the **substitutionary death** of Christ. He died as our Substitute, in our place and on our behalf.

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Because He died for us, we are delivered from the experience of death. When we are ready to leave this earth, quicker than the eye can blink, God will transfer us right into His presence. One moment we are in this world, and the next moment we are in heaven standing in the very presence of God.

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So What ...

What about you?

Have you come to Christ and experienced His
Forgiveness of Sins?

For the Believer, remember that Jesus is the one
who pays the price for our sin. If we truly love
Him, we will not continue in sin.