

Believing the Report of the Lord

(Isaiah 53)



He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole (Isaiah 53: 5).

YAHSHUA, before His trials and death, carried the infirmities and diseases of those who came to Him for healing. He was full of compassion and sympathy for the throngs. They came to Him carrying the burden of diseases, demon possession and none who had come to Him left the same way they came. With only a word, He drove out the demons and restored to health all who were sick. He came to fulfill all that was written by the prophets, and namely Isaiah. Matthew confirms it: "When evening came, they brought to Him many who were under the power of demons, and He drove out the spirits with a word and restored to health all who were sick. And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah. He

Himself took our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases” (Matt. 8:16-17). He confirmed the prophecy of Isaiah, leaving nothing needed to be fulfilled that had to be fulfilled at the time of His incarnation. God’s word sent forth through Isaiah in chapter 53 became alive in YAHSHUA, affirming and confirming the veracity of God’s word. God said in Isaiah 55:10-11, “For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

That leaves nothing out that came forth from the mouth of the Lord unfulfilled then and in the future, including in our personal life. The report of Isaiah 53 is solemn and worthy of pondering upon it. How can I apply these words to my life when sickness and disease are embracing my body? Will the words, “By His stripes we are healed” be applicable to me in this hour? Why can’t I believe and receive them, instead I can only remember the dreadful and hopeless words from the doctor, “There is nothing we can do for you”? Paul told us to hold our thoughts captive to obedience to Christ. And Solomon said, As man thinks so he is. So we have control of our thoughts and we have power over them. But when our carnal mind is not submissive to the Lord, it becomes vulnerable to the evil one. He takes control of it and leads it into the chaos of his lies. And guided by the spirit of fear we make terrible decisions and lose our life before our time, all because we did not believe the report of the Lord. Psalm 139: 16 says, Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them. Our destiny is written in a book God has prepared for us even before we were born. Believing the report of the Lord will be possible for us to fulfill the destiny written for each one of us. Satan does not want us to fulfill God’s destiny. He does not want us to be happy and filled with joy; so he fills our mind with his lies when we are confronted with trials and presumably weak.

Whatever thought we allow in our mind we will become. Believing the report of the Lord, we will be free and healed; but if we believe the lie of the devil, death will be our sentence. For whatever situation we face in our lifetime, the word of the Lord has provided a way to victory and that is: Hold our thoughts captive unto obedience to Christ. When the accuser comes to our mind to misguide it, the only

way we can overcome the devil is by submission to God first and we will be able to resist him (the devil) and that will result in the devil fleeing from us (James 4:7). What kind of weapons are you facing the devil with? God's word says, For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds (II Corinthians 10:4). We will lose every time we face the devil with our carnal weapons. God has given us His word as a two-edge sword; His word is alive and powerful and effective; it penetrates to the dividing line of the breath and life and the immortal spirit, and of joints and marrow, exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart (Heb. 4:12). It is faith that will quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one] (Ephesians 6:16). Satan's lies needed to be dealt with the sword of the Spirit when he brings thoughts to defeat the report from the Lord.

If the word says, "By His stripes I am healed" there will be no words worthy of believing otherwise. The enemy seemly confuses this truth with his lies and steals from our mind the joy of hope when we succumb to him. God's word will never be fulfilled in us in this condition; His destiny and plans will be obscured in the unbelief of His word. We must go to the courts of heaven in prayer with our legal matters before we go to the battle field. Satan is our accuser and often he accuses us before the Lord using legal issues against us. It is important we deal with those issues first and then we will be ready to face the devil in the battle field. The word of God says that YAHSHUA, after all was accomplished in Him and through Him, said before He died, **IT IS FINISHED!** He has given us a position in heaven seated next to Him at the right hand of His Father. In that position we do have tremendous power when believing the report of the Lord for us and through us. His report says that nothing is impossible to those who believe; nothing is impossible for God; nothing is difficult for Him. Life depends on Him. He gives breath and He takes it away. Our days are numbered by Him; He is eternal and there is no limit of time with Him; God's presence fills heaven and earth; He is infinite with no beginning and no end. He is the only true God Who came down and took our sorrows, our diseases, our infirmities upon Himself. He humbled Himself so low so that we could be saved; our reproaches and abuses fell on Him. Morning by morning His mercies are released to us. Who will believe the report of the Lord? Isaiah asked this question. The report he wrote about the Messiah showed the manner in which He suffered to save the world; through all the many

stripes inflicted on Him by the hands of the Romans there were healing for all who will come to Him believing Isaiah's report.

"The Lord is my Strength and Song; and He has become my Salvation; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly and achieves strength! I shall not die but live, and shall declare the works and recount the illustrious acts of the Lord; You are my God, and I will confess, praise and give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You" (Psalm 118:14,16-17,28).

Will you believe the report of the Lord; will you walk in victory to see His glory manifested in your life today?

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