

Isaiah 53:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.' The Servant sees the fruit of His suffering and is 'satisfied' (savea - filled, content). 'Justify many' - legal acquittal - through His 'knowledge' (either the Servant's knowledge or knowledge of Him). Iniquity-bearing completes the substitution.

Historical Context

This describes the result of atonement: many are justified (declared righteous) because the Servant bears their iniquities. This is the heart of gospel theology - imputed righteousness.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does it mean that Christ sees His travail and is 'satisfied'?
2. How does bearing iniquities enable justification?

Interlinear Text

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of the travail	of his soul	He shall see	and shall be satisfied	by his knowledge	
H5999	H5315	H7200	H7646	H1847	
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justify	shall my righteous	servant	many	their iniquities	H1931
H6663	H6662	H5650	H7227	H5771	
יִסְבֵּל:					
for he shall bear					
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Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 2:24 (Righteousness): Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isaiah 53:12 (Parallel theme): Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 12:2 (Parallel theme): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 17:3 (Parallel theme): And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1 Peter 3:18 (Righteousness): For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Isaiah 45:25 (Righteousness): In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isaiah 53:8 (Parallel theme): He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

1 John 2:1 (Righteousness): My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

John 16:21 (Parallel theme): A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

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