1. Sin & Sickness Isaiah 53:3-5

A. The Atonement (the reconciling of God and man accomplished by the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ)

- 1. **Redemption** a ransom paid to set someone free; to purchase a slave and set him free (we were all slaves to sin and sickness); the redemption involves a cost of some kind effort, suffering or loss to the one who effects the deliverance; Isaiah's prophecy: future action seen as done by the Father
- 2. Isaiah 53 the great redemption chapter; The greatest chapter of the greatest OT prophet
- 3. v3 the Lord was despised and rejected this did not stop Him from doing what He had to do
 - a. sorrows griefs more on this:
 - 'sorrows' pains & 'griefs' sickness and disease
 - a. (John 3:16-17) in context and in keeping with our general well-being Jesus did experience sorrows and griefs by the way He was treated as well as taking upon Himself our pains, sicknesses & diseases at the cross
- 4. **v4** incredibly important verse concerning our complete redemption
 - a. **v4 'griefs'** this word is translated sickness or disease 19 of the 24 times used in the OT; i.e. (Deuteronomy 7:15; 28:61, etc.) 'griefs' is translated sickness, disease
 - b. 'sorrows' is translated pains; i.e. (Job 33:19; Jeremiah 51:8, etc.)

The Spirit Filled Bible, Rev. Jack Hayford 'the Hebrew words for griefs and sorrows specifically mean physical affliction

Young's Translation, (a noted Hebrew scholar) 'Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, and our pains He hath carried them'

Dr. Isaac Leeser, translator of the Hebrew English Bible 'But only our diseases did He bear Himself, and our pains He carried'

Matthew 8:17 the Bible interprets itself – 'griefs & sorrows' in context Quoting Isaiah 53:4 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses." NKJV

- c. **v4 verbs** 'surely He has borne our...' 'borne' (nasa) to lift up; to bear away; to assume a heavy burden; complete removal of what was borne; the idea of substitution
- d. a Levitical word and is applied to the scapegoat that bore away the sins of the people (Leviticus 16:22)
- e. Jesus bore my sickness away

- f. v12 'bore' (nasa) referring to the Lord Jesus bearing our sins is the same word; just as surely as He bore our sins, He bore our sicknesses and diseases (Psalm 103; Jeremiah 17:14; communion; Luke 5:17-26 the paralytic bore by 4)
- g. **v4** 'And carried our' '**carried'** (**sabal**) to carry; to bear as a penalty with the emphasis on the weight of the load; the Lord Jesus in the eyes of God already carried our pains
 - substitution a complete removal of the thing borne; both words mean substitution, one bearing another's load
- h. **v11 'bear' (sabal)** referring to bearing as a penalty our sins is the same word just as surely as He bore our sins He bore our sicknesses & diseases (pains)
- i. the same sense must be applied must be applied to both cases sin bearing and sickness bearing
- 5. **v5** this verse helps us to see the entirety of what the Lord Jesus did for us; **v5** the Lord Jesus paying the price for our sins and sicknesses is included in this verse;
 - a. 'transgressions' sin, trespass, rebellion; 'iniquities' perverseness, wickedness, evil, sin
 - 'wounded' & 'bruised' are the strongest words to describe the violence and agony Jesus experienced to redeem us; punished for our sins; bruised for our sicknesses
 - b. 'our' 3x is stressed in this verse Jesus did this for us, not Himself
 - c. 'chastisement' the punishment we deserved was laid on Him the result is 'peace' a inclusive word meaning well-being in general spirit, soul & body
 - d. 'healed' (rapha) heal, cure, make whole
- 6. **v6** humanity is guilty, the Lord Jesus was punished

Jesus, in the eyes of God, 700 years before it happened, had borne our sicknesses and diseases (Acts 15:18) "Known to God from eternity are all His works. (there is no time with God)

- a. **v6** we are the guilty, we have gone our own way (really the way of the devil) and God the Father laid on the Lord Jesus our sins, emotional turmoil and sicknesses
- b. (v10) 'Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise (crush Him); why? So that we could be saved
- 7. **Galatians 3:13** how can God redeem us and at the same time require us to remain under the Law's curse. Paul said 'you are not under the Law, but grace (Romans 6:11). Why should anyone remain under the Law's curse who is not under the Law?