

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead:
His blood atoned for all our race,
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood,
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

I now am reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

The Spirit of Prophecy

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I. The Extremes of His Comings (52:13-15)

A. Isaiah 52:13 references the second coming of the Messiah, when He comes to reign.

1. Suffering precedes glory.

2. Isaiah 50:6 *I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. 7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.*

B. Isaiah 52:15 gives us two blessed truths about the comings of the Messiah:

1. In the shedding of His blood, Jesus *sprinkled many nations.*

- 1 John 2:2 *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

2. Just as men were astonished at His suffering at His first coming, the mouths of kings will be stopped at the majesty that accompanies His second coming.

II. Unknown & Unwelcome (53:1-3)

A. John 1:10 *He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

B. John 3:19 *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

C. There was nothing about His physical appearance or lifestyle that would draw special attention to Him.

- Philippians 2:6 *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

D. Jesus was certainly a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief:

1. At the tomb of His friend Lazarus — John 11:35 *Jesus wept.*
2. Over the city of Jerusalem — Luke 19:41 *And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,*
3. Over His approaching separation from the Father for our sins — Matthew 26:37 *And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.*

E. **Notice that Isaiah uses personal collective pronouns (we) identifying himself and the nation of Israel in their rejection of the Promised One.**

III. Our Substitute (53:4-8)

A. All of Jesus suffering was for sin that He had never committed!

1. 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
2. Hebrews 7:26 *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*
3. Peter 2:24 *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. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

B. Isaiah 53:7-8 is the portion of Scripture being read by the Ethiopian Eunuch when he encountered Philip in Acts 8.

- Acts 8:34 *And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*

C. The fact that Jesus did not defend Himself with His mouth is significant.

- Matthew 27:12 *And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.*

IV. Common Death, Unique Burial (53:9)

- Matthew 27:57 *When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.*

V. Suffering & Satisfaction (53:10-12)

- A. Why did it please the the Father to bruise the Son?
- B. Because God so loved the world and this was the means whereby the Father's love for mankind could be fully realized.
 - His grace and mercy could be extended to sinful man without doing damage to His holiness and justice.