

TEXT: Isaiah 53:1-10 / Joel 3:16 NLT The LORD's voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the LORD will be a refuge for His people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel.

I felt that God was giving us a little preview last week as we studied staying protected as others fall around us. Fear is the theme of the day. It is a great time to build our faith in the things we have which cannot be shaken, things that are sure for us. We rejoice that we are living in a day when God's voice is shaking the heavens and the earth. We know that goodness and mercy are following us, that deliverance is near, and we are protected in the midst of calamity. We can also live above the "health care scare."

This passage in Isaiah is the fountain from which New Testament hope for healing flows. Verse 4: Surely - firmly; surely; certainly, truly, verily. Used as a show of truth in contradiction to what was expected: nevertheless, but.

- 1) Surely He – be sure of whom you believe
 - a) It's important to know Whom you believe, not just what you believe. How can you believe the what if you have no confidence in the Whom? 2 Timothy 1:12
 - b) Isa 53:1-3 describes what they thought about Him in the natural.
 - c) Verse 4 gives us the nevertheless, surely, firmly, in contradiction to our carnal, human intelligence and observation: Surely HE bore our sickness and carried our pain
 - d) He who?
 - i) The Eternal Word who created us all: John 1:1-3 / John 1:14
 - ii) The Seed of a woman prophesied in the Garden who came to crush Satan's head.: Genesis 3:15 / Luke 1:31 / Galatians 4:4-5
 - iii) The Jehovah of the burning bush Exodus 3:14 / John 8:58 / ... before Abraham was, I AM."
 - iv) The Son of Man enfleshed, then crucified, but now glorified and representing His finished work before the throne of God. Daniel 7:13-14 / Revelation 1:12-18 ... "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. (18) I am He who lives, and was

dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

- e) **SURELY HE:** I know whom I have believed!!!!
- 2) Surely He took it off your hands
 - a) Bore: *nasah* – carried away, picked up and took to another place. The same word used in Lev 16:22 for the work of the scapegoat
 - b) Carried: *sabal* – to carry the full load for someone else. Like a bellman. Note Is :53:11 – wherever He left your sins, He also left your sickness and pain
 - c) **SURELY HE:** What He bore, I need not bear!!!!
- 3) Surely He Did it for you.
 - a) You deserved the pain of sin. Eccl 7:20 / Rom 3:23 and 6:23.
 - b) He was spotless, without sin, yet the weight and consequences of your sin was visited upon Him. Isaiah 53:6 / Hebrews 12:2
 - c) **SURELY HE:** You can't, deserve it. You can only receive it.
- 4) Surely He dealt with both sin and sickness
 - a) Verses 4, 5, and 10 references to physical healing. Matthew and Peter agree: Matthew 8:16-17 / 1 Peter 2:24
 - b) Many other honest and reputable translations:
 - i) Isaiah 53:4 (NET) [4] But he lifted up our illnesses, he carried our pain; [5] He was wounded because of our rebellious deeds, crushed because of our sins; he endured punishment that made us well; because of his wounds we have been healed. ...[10] Though the LORD desired to crush him and make him ill, once restitution is made, he will see descendants and enjoy long life, and the LORD's purpose will be accomplished through him.
 - c) **SURELY HE:** Calvary surely included your healing.
- 5) Surely His purpose includes healing: Gal 3:13 / Ps 107:20 / Prov 3:7, 8 / Ex 15:26 / Prov 4:20-23 / Ps 103:1-5 / Ex 23:25 / Prov 16:24 / Isa 58:8 / Ps 118:17 / Ps 147:3 / Prov 17:22 / Mal 4:2 / 3 John 2 / Mk16:17 / Jas 5:14- 15 / Jas 5:16 / John 14:8-9 / Acts 10:38 / John 15:7 / Mt 9:29 According to our faith, let it be to you

SURELY HE:

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32