# THE EXTENT OF HIS SACRIFICE

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## Topic:

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## Text: Isaiah 53:1–12

### Prayer

Let's pray. Our Father, our God, we thank You for everything. We thank You for bearing our sins on the cross and for dying for us. As we go into Your word, minister unto us in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

### Introduction

I welcome you all to today's Bible study. The first thing I want you to understand today is that this teaching is not meant to make you just emotional, but also to make you remember the sacrifices of Jesus for you before you could earn salvation and be walking in grace. The reason for this teaching is that some of us are now abusing the grace of God. We now take God foolishly and think we can do anyhow and later ask for forgiveness. Some Christians are just doing as they like because of grace, forgetting that grace is not a license to sin.

### Bible Text: Romans 6:15

"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

### Study

You have also been finding it hard to sacrifice some things for the sake of Christ. Some of you cannot even tag yourselves as Christians in public places so that people will not laugh at you. You are ashamed of Christ, but He was not ashamed when He was sacrificing for you. Some of you cannot go for evangelism just because you feel you do not want to be insulted. Really? You

that Jesus was insulted because of? Do you know the extent of the humiliation a whole God went through because of you? Yet you cannot preach that good news to others just because of your ego. What a pain! Does Jesus really deserve the way we treat Him? For some, Jesus is still knocking at the door of their hearts, yet they are still proving stubborn. Is Jesus really worth the way we treat Him?

I guess we have all forgotten the extent He went in His sacrifice, all because of us. Therefore, we will go into it again this evening, and if after this teaching you still find it hard to sacrifice things for Christ or even lose your life for Him, then you should not be termed as a true sheep. If you think not losing your life for Christ's sake when you are supposed to lose it for His sake is wisdom, then something is wrong somewhere. Let us pay attention as we continue so that we can remember the extent of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Let us go through our text. Please ensure you read this text with intentionality and let it sink into you. Understand every part of it and know what it means.

**Isaiah 53:1–12**

“Isaiah 53:1-12 KJV - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 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.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 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.

12 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.

Prophet Isaiah gave the exact prophecy about what Jesus would pass through when He came to the earth to die for the sins of men. He said everything in detail. However, we will go into more

details of all that Jesus went through. Sometimes, I literally feel like crying when I discover I am not reciprocating half of the love Jesus has shown me even before I was born. It is a pity and we really need to change, stopping from grieving Him the more. We should be making Him happy and doing things that will please Him because we love Him, not causing Him more pain.

Do well to read that text again, not religiously but intentionally.

***The Extent of His Sacrifice***

**1. Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane**

The extent of Jesus' sacrifice did not start on the cross or when He was being beaten; it started from the garden of Gethsemane. He was overwhelmed with sorrow to the point that the drops of sweat from His body were like thick drops of blood.

**Luke 22:41–44** "And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

He knew what was coming for Him, and because He was in the flesh, He felt pain and knew how painful it would be to the human body. He prayed deeply about what was ahead of Him because it seemed beyond Him. He wanted the cup to pass from Him, but He remembered the love of the Father for us. He remembered why He came — to reconnect us back to the Father. So He surrendered and allowed the will of the Father to be done

rather than His own. God sent angels to strengthen Him in heart. The strength did not remove the pain but prepared Him for what was ahead. It was not easy, but He proceeded with the mission because of His love for us. Thank You, Jesus, for that immeasurable love.

**2. His betrayal, arrest, and rough handling**

Seeing Jesus betrayed by one of His disciples would have caused emotional pain. Even though He knew beforehand that Judas would betray Him, He still felt the pain because He was in the flesh.

**Luke 22:54,63** "Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him." The soldiers arrested Him violently, mocked Him, and abused Him. Yet He was dying for those very people.

**3. Spitting, slapping, and beating**

**Matthew 26:67** "Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands." They spat on His face and slapped Him. Yet Jesus did not retaliate. He did not prove His power. His love for us was greater than the humiliation He endured.

**Matthew 22:37–39** "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

**4. Being scourged (whipped) by Roman soldiers**

After being beaten, Jesus was scourged. His clothes were removed and He was whipped with a cruel instrument called a flagellum — a whip made with leather cords and pieces of metal or bone that tore the flesh. **Deuteronomy 25:3**"Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed..."Under Roman law, soldiers beat prisoners until they were tired. So the number of lashes Jesus received is not known. His flesh would have been torn open, causing severe bleeding. Yet He endured it all for us.

**5. Crown of thorns placed on His head**

**Matthew 27:29–30** And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand...

And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head." They forced the crown of thorns into His head, driving it deeper with a reed. Blood flowed from His scalp while they mocked Him.Are we also hurting Him today by disobedience and neglect of His word?

**6. He felt extreme thirst**

**John 19:28** "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished... saith, I thirst." While on the cross, He also experienced separation from the Father.

**Mark 15:34**"And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" At that moment He bore the sins of the whole world. Eventually, He died on the cross after severe suffering, loss of blood, and humiliation.

**John 15:13** "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Are you reminded of the extent Jesus went to sacrifice Himself for you? If you have not accepted Him as your Lord and Savior, do you not think it is time to do so? And to those who have accepted Him, are you still loving Him

daily? Are you obeying His instructions? Are you ashamed to preach the gospel?

Reflect on His love and ask God for forgiveness if you have been unfaithful. Turn a new leaf and become more serious with your relationship with Him — not because of what He will give you, but because of what He has already done for you. May God help us to remain faithful to Him and love Him until death, in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

If you are looking for someone to talk to about something troubling you, feel free to reach out to any of the leaders. Do not suffer in silence.

We have come to the end of the study. Ensure you reflect on these things.

Have a wonderful day ahead, brethren.

## Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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