

Pleasure and Satisfaction in the Lord's Death

Isa 53:10-11

10 But **the LORD was pleased** to crush Him, putting {Him} to grief; if He would render himself {as} a guilt offering, He will see {His} offspring, He will prolong {His} days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, **He will see {it and} be satisfied**; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.”

Often when we reflect at the Lord's Table we see this as a solemn time to acknowledge our sins and how they put the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. While there is certainly a place for remembering how we once lived or where we might have been, we should consider the amount of pleasure and satisfaction that was found in the crucifixion and then learn to share in these realities as well.

In Isaiah 53:10-11 we read that it pleased God and satisfied the Lord to have the crucifixion take place for our sins. Consider the definition of the terms:

“was pleased” - chaphets (khaw-fates') - meaning to incline to, to bend, to be pleased or to desire”

“be satisfied” - saba'(saw-bah') - meaning to be filled to satisfaction

This tells me that the Lord was more than willing to come near to us to humbly stoop down to help us to be redeemed from our sins. There was no despising the cross, but rather a desiring of the cross. While Jesus despised the shame, the victory was won when He gave His life for our sins (Heb. 12:1-2). God knew of the outcome of this death for sin and it pleased Him to crush His own Son so that we could live.

Secondly, we learn that the Lord was filled to satisfaction to come and offer Himself on our behalf. There were no reservations. The results of our redemption would cause the Lord's anguish and pain to be turned into full satisfaction.

Now the question that I have is this: Where is this pleasure and satisfaction when we partake of the Lord's Supper? Paul often talks about boasting in the cross of Christ. He wanted others to know that He too found His joy in knowing what Jesus did for him on the cross.

Let us also find delight in knowing what was accomplished on the cross. Our prayers should be that we would have the fullest knowledge of what the Lord accomplished in His death and that we would appreciate every detail to the fullest extent.