

## A Different Take on: ‘It pleased the Lord to Bruise Him’

Verse 10 in Isaiah 53, in our English Bibles, is one of the chief sources for the PSA<sup>1</sup> doctrine. It also reinforces the notion that Father is an angry God, just waiting for us to step out of line so he can punish us in one way or another.

**Isaiah 53:10** (NKJV) – “*Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise<sup>2</sup> Him; He has put Him to grief.*”

The Hebrew doesn't say that Father intended to ‘crush’ (‘bruise’) Jesus (the Messiah). It actually says that Father was pleased to heal him or cleanse him of his wounds.<sup>3</sup>

In support, François Du Toit reinforces that assertion with his comments on Isaiah 53:10 from the Septuagint version of the OT:

*“The Lord desires to cleanse his wounds - and in the offering of his life as sacrifice he shall see his seed afar off! See verse 11 – the joy that is set before him! The offspring is the fruit of the travail of his soul! Hebrews 12:2, for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame!*

*See also my commentary on Hebrews 1:6 and Hebrews 10:5; this reveals an important change in the text!*

*The most widely accepted view today is that the Septuagint provides a reasonably accurate record of an early Hebrew textual variant that differed from the ancestor of the Masoretic text as well as those of the Latin Vulgate, where both of the latter seem to have a more similar textual heritage. This view is supported by comparisons with Biblical texts found at the Essene settlement at Qumran. The Dead Sea scrolls are multiple copies of the Hebrew Bible along with other literary works of the time untouched from as early as 300 BC.”<sup>4</sup>*

So, why heal him of his wounds if he actually wanted to crush him, as our English translations state? See how illogical it is?

But where did the wound come from, if it wasn't Father who wounded him?

Looking at the question from a Kingdom/New Covenant perspective, it was our woundedness that he was healing. As a man, he took on our wounded identity, the one we all have because we don't know that we were created as sons of God. We lost our identity as sons with The Fall, so it needed to be restored. The pain, suffering and anguish (i.e. woundedness) of not living out of our sonship, also needed to be healed in every person.

Father used his Son, as Jesus of Nazareth (the man Jesus) to be the one who did that for all humanity. He took our place and his work on the cross, his resurrection and ascension, brought about that fantastic result.

We (i.e. Adam and his lineage) put him on the cross because The Fall needed to be reversed. Our identity needed to be restored as sons of God and planet governors, because it was ceded to Satan as an unforeseen consequence of Adam's failure. Adam was created as a son of God<sup>5</sup> and the vice-regent king of the Earth, and all his sons were to have that function after him. The Fall neutralized that.

That understanding – that reality – totally changes our concept of a cruel and vengeful God. He didn't punish him for us, as PSA declares, he used him to free us into our true identity. He healed us in Jesus.

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1 – Penal Substitutionary Atonement

2 – ‘crush’ [www.biblegateway.com/passages/?search=Is+53%3A10&version=NKJV#en-NKJV-18722](http://www.biblegateway.com/passages/?search=Is+53%3A10&version=NKJV#en-NKJV-18722)

3 – Mike Parsons [youtu.be/Ea9fguzWaqk](https://youtu.be/Ea9fguzWaqk) [15:18-16:30]

4 – Scripture taken from THE MIRROR. Copyright © 2012. Used by permission of The Author. P:30

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5 – Luke 3:38

That differing concept is totally in line with the wonderfully loving Father that we have. It's only inconceivable from a PSA viewpoint.

# **Believe It or Not!**

## **The choice is yours**

*Whatever you choose to believe won't negatively impact Father's relationship with you*

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