



“Then will I visit their transgressions at the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.” (Psalm 89:32)

The ancient patriarch Job lamented that there was not a “daysman between us, that He might lay His hand upon us both.” (Job 9:32). Isaiah and Ezekiel both wondered that an intercessor could not be found. (Isaiah 59:16; Ezekiel 22:30). Without this Intercessor mankind collectively and individually face the sure, terrifying and righteous judgment of the Almighty!

“The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23). Payment will be made and every account closed and marked “paid in full.”

In their lament that an Intercessor could not be found among the sons of man these prophets all saw beyond the natural predicament of men and saw that the Lord would provide Himself a Man who would stay the gulf between us, our sin, and God’s righteousness! Job saw the terror of the rod of God’s judgment, “let Him take His rod away from me. “ (Job 9:34) But Job also saw past the judgment and had a glimpse of a Redeemer God. “For I know that my Redeemer lives and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.” (Job 19:25). Isaiah without a doubt also saw the Intercessor when he prophesied, “His arm brought salvation unto Him.” (Isaiah 59:16).

And so it is with us who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ – “surely He has borne our sickness and carried away our pains; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, Hew as bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5).

“Thank You Lord Jesus for taking my punishments – for bearing what I could not bear – for taking what was due me – for dying in my place – that in return I might receive what I could not earn, and experience again what Adam lost! Thank You Lord for giving to me Your abundant life!”

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