

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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THE DISEASE PROBLEM

[part 1 of 4]

* This is Jesus' spiritual ministry. It began on the cross.

Isaiah 53:3-5,

“He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of pains and acquainted with disease: and as one from whom men hide their face He was despised; and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our diseases; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.”

The disciples could not see it when they looked upon the thorn crowned Man of Galilee.

He was then bearing our sicknesses and diseases.

10th verse, “Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise Him. He hath made Him sick.”

He made Him sin with our sins, sick with our sicknesses.

Isaiah 52:14, “His visage was marred more than any man.” It was so marred that He no longer looked like a man.

That was not His physical body.

God could not look on His soul. “When God made His soul an offering for

sin.” He was stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.

It was God who laid our diseases on Him. He was smitten by Justice, because He was our Substitute.

He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and “with His stripes we are healed.”

It was not the physical stripes upon His back made by the Roman lictor, but the stripes that God put upon Him with our diseases when He was judged and cast out in our stead.

Matthew 8:17, “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.”

Our infirmities are our little mental quirks, the things that make us disagreeable and unpleasant to people. These are largely infirmities of the mind.

He bore them all. What He bore, we do not need to bear. What He took upon Himself, we need not suffer.