

“THREE VIEWS OF CHRIST”**Introduction**

1. This is a very famous prophecy
2. The sufferer (i) NOT Israel (ii) BUT Jesus
3. This prophecy minutely fulfilled

1. THE FIRST VIEW: THE UNCONVERTED MAN’S ATTITUDE

- 1) The non-believer has a poor view of Christ: v.1-3
- 2) Reasons:
 - (i) He does not know Christ
 - (ii) Views Him as a mere man
 - (iii) Feels no need of Him. Very sad.
- 3) The prophet reveals this false attitude here:
 - (i) v.1: “who hath believed?”
 - (ii) v.1: “arm” = God’s Saviour to deliver us
 - (iii) v.2: “root”: nothing to capture man’s attention
 - (iv) v.2: “no form...”: He looked like a mere man
 - (v) v.2: “no beauty”: men are not impressed
 - (vi) v.3: “man of sorrows”: people like excitement
 - (vii) v.3: “faces”: anything is better than Christ
- 4) **DOCTRINE**: Christ is of no interest to the world:
 - (i) unconverted “preachers”: just “Jesus”
 - (ii) “experts”: “teacher” / “example” / “leader”

APPLICATION: What you think of Christ shows what you are

2. THE SECOND VIEW: CHRIST’S SUFFERINGS AND DEATH

- 1) The prophet now corrects this false view:
 - (i) Of the Jews of Christ’s own day
 - (ii) Of unconverted persons of all sorts

- 2) The correct view: Christ is our Saviour:
 - (i) V.4: See how a person’s mind is changed
 - (ii) The crucifixion: for OUR sin, not for HIS
 - 3) The true view of the Cross:
 - (i) v.5: It is to remove our sin
 - (ii) v.6: We are all guilty sinners before God:

”all we” – wandered off: **ILLUSTRATION**: sheep

DOCTRINE: Universal sinfulness: “ALL we...”
 - 4) v.7-9: Christ went willingly to the Cross:
 - (i) v.7: “dumb”. See the crucifixion
 - (ii) v.8: The work of substitution

APPLICATION: Let this truth grip you with wonder

ILLUSTRATION: Princess + Alexander the Great
- 3. THE THIRD VIEW: CHRIST’S EXALTATION AND REWARD**
- 1) Two states of Christ: humiliation...
 - 2) Important to understand v.10: “pleased”
 - (i) NOT a pleasure to God to strike Him
 - (ii) BUT a pleasure to God to spare us!
 - 3) God has honoured Christ and will honour Him
 - (i) v.9: “the rich”: Joseph. A sign
 - (ii) v.10: “his seed”: believers everywhere
 - (iii) v.10: “his days”: life after death
 - (iv) v.10: “prosper”: success of the gospel
 - (v) v.11: “satisfied”: millions of saved souls
 - (vi) v.11: “justify”: a free gift of righteousness
 - (vii) v.12: “spoil”: conquer sin / death / Satan

OBSERVE: this exaltation is REWARD to Christ
 - 4) See how emphatically the reward is stated:
 - (i) v.12: “BECAUSE” – the reason
 - (ii) The obedience shown: in His death / in His sin-bearing / His intercession

ILLUSTRATION: The Ethiopian’s conversion

CONCLUSION

1. You cannot afford to be wrong about Christ
2. See the change in Acts 2
3. Pray to God to open your eyes to Christ

PSALM

22: 1 – 6

22: 14 – 20

22: 27 – 31