



Live as ONE

Consider the following statement:

“Everyone is a theologian. The question is whether you are a good one or not.”

How do you feel about this statement? Do you consider yourself a theologian? If you truly are a theologian, do you think you are a good one? Why or why not?

Live by the WORD

Read [Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#).

How would you characterize the servant of Yahweh from this passage? What is his purpose? What is his role in God’s plan or among God’s people?

This passage is as much poetry as it is theology. So let’s read it again.

Read [Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#) again slowly (maybe in a different translation this time).

Without looking at the text, list as many descriptions of the servant of Yahweh from this passage as you can remember. Why did these stand out to you as you read?

Now go back to the text and list any descriptions that you missed the first time. Which ones stand out to you as you look at them again and why?

We believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the man of whom this passage spoke. What parallels do you see between this passage and the stories of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth?

Live as SENT

Dallas Willard famously spoke of the Christian life as an “apprenticeship to Jesus.” What images or pictures does that phrase bring to mind? Do you see yourself as an apprentice to Jesus of Nazareth? What other things/desires in your life or in the culture are seeking to make you their apprentice?

When studying passages of biblical poetry, it can be hard to find specific “applications” for your daily life. But as a genre, poetry is not generally trying to teach a concept for you to apply. Poetry is more often aimed at our emotions and affections. How does this poetic passage make you feel? Are there any emotions or reactions that are triggered as you read it?

How might the images and descriptions of the “Suffering Servant” from this passage influence your apprenticeship to Jesus? How might this influence the way you seek to follow Him in your day-to-day life?

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[Isaiah 53](#)

Monday

[Daniel 3:26-30;](#)
[Psalm 89:42-52; Proverbs 18:4-6](#)

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[Romans 2:12-3:8;](#)
[Psalm 90:1-7; Proverbs 18:7-10](#)

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[Romans 3:9-31;](#)
[Psalm 90:8-17; Proverbs 18:11-13](#)

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[Romans 4:1-12;](#)
[Psalm 91; Proverbs 18:14-16](#)

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[Romans 4:13-25;](#)
[Psalm 92:1-6; Proverbs 18:17-19](#)

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[Romans 5:1-21;](#)
[Psalm 92:7-15; Proverbs 18:20-22](#)