

Let's read our text for today – “*He shall see of the travail of his soul, [and] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him [a portion] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*” We read Isa.59 in the CALL TO WORSHIP for a particular reason. **Turn back over there, and look at Jehovah's words.** In spite of all His people's backsliding and rebellion, Jehovah declared – “**And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this [is] my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that [is] upon THEE, and my words which I have put in THY MOUTH, shall not depart out of THY MOUTH, nor out of the mouth of THY SEED, nor out of the mouth of THY SEED'S SEED, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.**” (Isa.59:15-21) The salvation of God's chosen people, His elect, His sheep, depended SOLELY on “*the ARM of the Lord*”, on His PERSON and His WORK as the Surety and Substitute of those given to Him by the Father. Jonah stated it correctly – “**SALVATION is OF THE LORD.**”

Isaiah begins closing out this glorious section with these words – “**HE shall see the travail of HIS SOUL, [and] SHALL BE SATISFIED.**” Here's YLT – “Of the labour of his soul he seeth — he is satisfied.” Think back to all the various ways the Holy Spirit moved Isaiah to write of the WORK “*the ARM of the LORD*” was sent to accomplish – Read **Vss.3-9**. Christ endured all of this, NOT AS A PRIVATE PERSON, but as His people's SURETY – WHY? “*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [his] seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*” The Lord Jesus Christ by His obedience unto death reconciled those He represented to the Father – “*And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*” (II Cor.5:18,19) Christ told those Jews concerning Himself – “*And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*” (Jn.8:29) The words of our text tell us that Christ Himself saw “*the travail of His soul*”, and takes satisfaction in the work He accomplished which glorified God as both “a just God and a Savior.” When it says “*He shall see*”, it is talking about the FRUIT or EFFICACY of what our Lord accomplished. This brings to my mind our Lord's discussion with Moses and Elijah on the mount of transfiguration – “*And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment [was] white [and] glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.*” (Lk.9:29-31) **Now listen to me:** No human by nature thinks of or speaks of their “*decease*” as an **ACCOMPLISHMENT**!!!!!! But for “*the ARM of the Lord*”, His “*decease*”

(which means ‘the close of one’s career’) was what He came to “*accomplish*”. That word translated “*accomplish*” means ‘to render full, i.e. to complete; to fill to the top so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure; to fill to the brim; or to consummate’. Here’s the **SAME EXACT WORD** – “*And ye are **complete** in him, which is the head of all principality and power.*”(Col.2:10) One old author wrote of Isaiah’s words in this way – “This is full of the sweetest consolation; for Isaiah could not have better expressed the infinite love of Christ toward us than by declaring that he takes the highest delight in our salvation, and that he rests in it as the fruit of his labors, as he who has obtained his wish rests in that which he most ardently desired; for no person can be said to be satisfied but he who has obtained what he wished so earnestly as to disregard everything else and be satisfied with this alone.” **Listen to Christ** – “*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*”(Jn.15:13,14) **Listen to Paul** – “*For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”(Rom.5:6-8)

Look at the next statement – “*by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*” Listen to YLT – ‘Through his knowledge give righteousness Doth the righteous one, My servant, to many, And their iniquities he doth bear.’ Having stated that Christ takes satisfaction in the fruit of His accomplished work, he states **HOW** those that are His are brought to possess the power and efficacy of death of Christ. It is through the revelation of God the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel that all those He bore their iniquities are justified or declared righteous – **Rom.10:13-17**. What Isaiah states here is that through the doctrine of Christ being taught and revealed, all whose sins He bore are justified. By the word “*justify*” Isaiah points out the effect of this teaching. God’s elect are not only taught righteousness in the school of Christ, but are actually “*made the righteousness of God IN HIM.*” This is the difference between the righteousness of faith and the righteousness of the Law. While the Law shows what it is to be righteous, our Lord and His apostles made it crystal clear that it is impossible that righteousness can be obtained by our obedience to it. If we’re honest, our experience proves the same thing. God’s law is a mirror that reveals to the awakened mind its own unrighteousness. The Gospel, the doctrine of Christ, by the power of the Spirit teaches the guilty sinner that righteousness was accomplished by and can only be found IN Him – “*Be it known unto you therefore, men [and] brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.*”(Acts 13:38,39) **To put it is simply as I can**, “*the knowledge of Him*” is what **FAITH** is, when we embrace the benefit of His death and fully rely on Him – “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.*”(Heb.11:1,2)

Look at Vs.12. Let me read you YLT – “Therefore I give a portion to him among the many, And with the mighty he apportioneth spoil, Because that he exposed to death his soul, And with

transgressors he was numbered, And he the sin of many hath borne, And for transgressors he intercedeth. All my life in false religion, folks called on me, and I called on others to “accept Jesus as their personal Savior and make Him LORD of your life.” That is a caricature of what “*the ARM of the Lord*” received because of His willingness to become obedient unto death as the Surety of His people. During Isaiah’s time as prophet, Assyria was the predominant power in the world. Whatever nations they conquered, “to the victors go the spoils.” Assyria, Babylon, Rome, or any other world power, the spoils they received pale in comparison to what our Lord received for His work as “*the ARM of the Lord*” – Turn over to **Phil.2:5-11**. According to Paul’s words concerning Christ’s condescension, humiliation, and cursed death on the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ has been exalted ABOVE ALL, and because of His exaltation, **HE WILL RECEIVE THE SPOILS OF HIS WARFARE**. That’s the same truth Isaiah’s words concerning “*the ARM of the Lord*.” **JEHOVAH** sets forth **FOUR REASONS in this verse** declaring **WHY** the exalted Christ will receive what He purchased. The **FIRST REASON** is **SATISFACTION** - “*because he hath poured out his soul unto death*.” The words of this statement are an allusion to being poured out like water, or in the case of sacrifice, being poured out like the drink offering. David speaking prophetically of Christ declared – “**I AM Poured OUT like water**.”(Ps.22:14) For God’s eternal justice to be satisfied, it required the entire **PERSON** and **WORK** of Christ to be poured out unto death, seeing “*the wages of sin* [are] **DEATH**.” Christ told us – “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit*.”(Jn.12:24) “*For it pleased* [the Father] *that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say], whether* [they be] *things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in* [your] *mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight*.”(Col.1:19-22) The **SECOND REASON** is **REPRESENTATION** – “*and He was numbered with the transgressors*.” The word translated by the phrase “*and He was numbered*” means ‘to be counted or to be reckoned or **to ordain**’. Jonah used the same word 4 times – **Jonah 1:17; 4:6-9**. **JEHOVAH** ordained and accomplished all these things for His glory concerning this man Jonah. **JEHOVAH ORDAINED** Christ as the **REPRESENTATIVE** of His people, be subjected to everything those He represented were subject to while in the world – “*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive*.”(I Cor.15:22) The writer of Hebrews declared – “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*.”(Heb.2:14,15) I love what John wrote – “*Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world*.”(I Jn.4:17) The **THIRD REASON** is **SUBSTITUTION** – “*and he bare the sin of many*.” The word translated by the phrase “*and He bare*” means ‘to lift, bear up, carry, or take’. It is the same word used in reference to the **SCAPE GOAT** – “*And the goat shall bear UPON HIM all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness*.”(Lev.16:22) The scape goat

lifted, or carried or **BORE** the sins **UPON HIM**. Isaiah declared that “*the ARM of the Lord*” would lift, carry, take, or **BEAR** “*the sin of many*”, **BUT NOT ALL**. That’s exactly what Paul declared concerning Christ’s substitutionary work for **HIS PEOPLE** – “*For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*”(**II Cor.5:21**) The **FOURTH REASON WHY** “*the arm of the Lord*” is exalted is **MEDIATION** – “*and made intercession for the transgressors.*” Paul declared: “*For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*”(**I Tim.2:5**) Our blessed Lord **MEDIATED** and made intercession for us while on this earth – “*I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*”; “*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*”; “*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.*” (**Jn.17:9,15,20**) He **MEDIATED** for us during His agony – “*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*”(**Lk.23:34**) That prayer wasn’t for reprobate sinners, but a **PRAYER** by our Great High Priest for His elect whose sins He was suffering and dying for as “*the Lamb of God.*” And Christ **STILL MEDIATES** and **MAKES INTERCESSION** for His own – “*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? [It is] God that justifieth. Who [is] he that condemneth? [It is] Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*”(**Rom.8:33,34**); “*Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.*”(**Heb.7:25**); “*For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*”(**Heb.9:24**); “*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*”(**I Jn.2:1,2**) This doesn’t mean that Christ is up in heaven continually offering up prayers and petitions for His people. The very fact that there is a **MAN** seated at the right hand of God, **THE GOD MAN**, His finished work as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Savior, and **MEDIATOR** continually **INTERCEDES** for and demands the eternal salvation and security of all those for whom He suffered, lived, died, and rose again.

I hope all of us recognize, submit to, and **REJOICE** in the truths set forth by Isaiah concerning this **UNIQUE PERSON**, “*the ARM of the Lord*” – Turn to **Rev.5:9-13**.