

Concerned about the gender issue and noting that God makes males and females unique, Rep. Greg Steube, R-Fla., SAID, "When men or women claim to be able to choose their own sexual identity, they are making a statement that God did not know what he was doing when he created them.

We are seeing the consequences of rejecting God here in our country today."

Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., rebuked Steube's concern, PROCLAIMING, "What any religious tradition describes as God's will is of no concern of this Congress."

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**“I’M AS MUCH A CULTURAL CATHOLIC AS I AM A
THEOLOGICAL CATHOLIC. MY IDEA OF SELF, OF FAMILY,
OF COMMUNITY, OF THE WIDER WORLD COMES STRAIGHT
FROM MY RELIGION.**

**IT’S NOT SO MUCH THE BIBLE, THE BEATITUDES,
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, THE SACRAMENTS,
OR THE PRAYERS I LEARNED.**

IT’S THE CULTURE.”

Promises to Keep: On Life and Politics

By Joe Biden

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 52 & 53



Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

Mashiach ben David

...as I promised David your father when I said,
'You shall never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'

I Kings 9: 5

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

Mashiach ben Joseph

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him
and cause him to suffer

Isaiah 53: 10

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

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Who is the Servant ? – God's definition

Servant's purpose ?

Servant as God/Man ?

Servant as King ? (David)

Servant as Gentle, Sufferer ? (Joseph)

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Isaiah – Servant Songs

Who is the Servant ? – God's definition

**My chosen one
Upheld by God
In whom I delight
My Spirit on Him**

**My Servant, *Israel?*
Honored
Strength of God
Servant of rulers**

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

Purpose of the Servant ?



Isaiah – Servant Songs

Purpose of the Servant ?

To bring Jacob back, gather Israel to God

Those of Israel I have kept

But that is TOO SMALL a thing...

Covenant for the people, Light for the gentiles

Salvation to ends of earth

People, nation – nations, islands, gentiles

Leviticus 26: 40-45

Isaiah 10: 20-23

Isaiah 9: 1-2



Israeli Sovereignty
Waqf administration
Jews – Temple Mt
Muslims – 3rd holiest



Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

The Servant as the God/man ?



Isaiah – Servant Songs

The Servant as the God/man ?

Things declared before they take place

Called before birth – formed in the womb

Miracles

Light in the darkness

Instructed tongue & a taught, open ear

YHWH controls destiny

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

The Servant as King – Messiah ben David ?



Isaiah – Servant Songs

The Servant as King – Messiah ben David ?

Justice – but not just to Israel

Justice brought with faithfulness,

no faltering or discouragement

Kings rise up, princes bow down

Sharpened sword/polished arrow –

weapons of war, symbols of judgment

Isaiah – Servant Songs

The Servant as King – Messiah ben David ?

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John 12: 47-48 – did not come to judge, there is a judge
...word will condemn

John 15: 3 – word cleanses

Ephesians 6: 17 – sword of Spirit = Word of God

Hebrews 4: 12-13 – word of God = sharp sword - judges

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The Servant as King – Messiah ben David ?

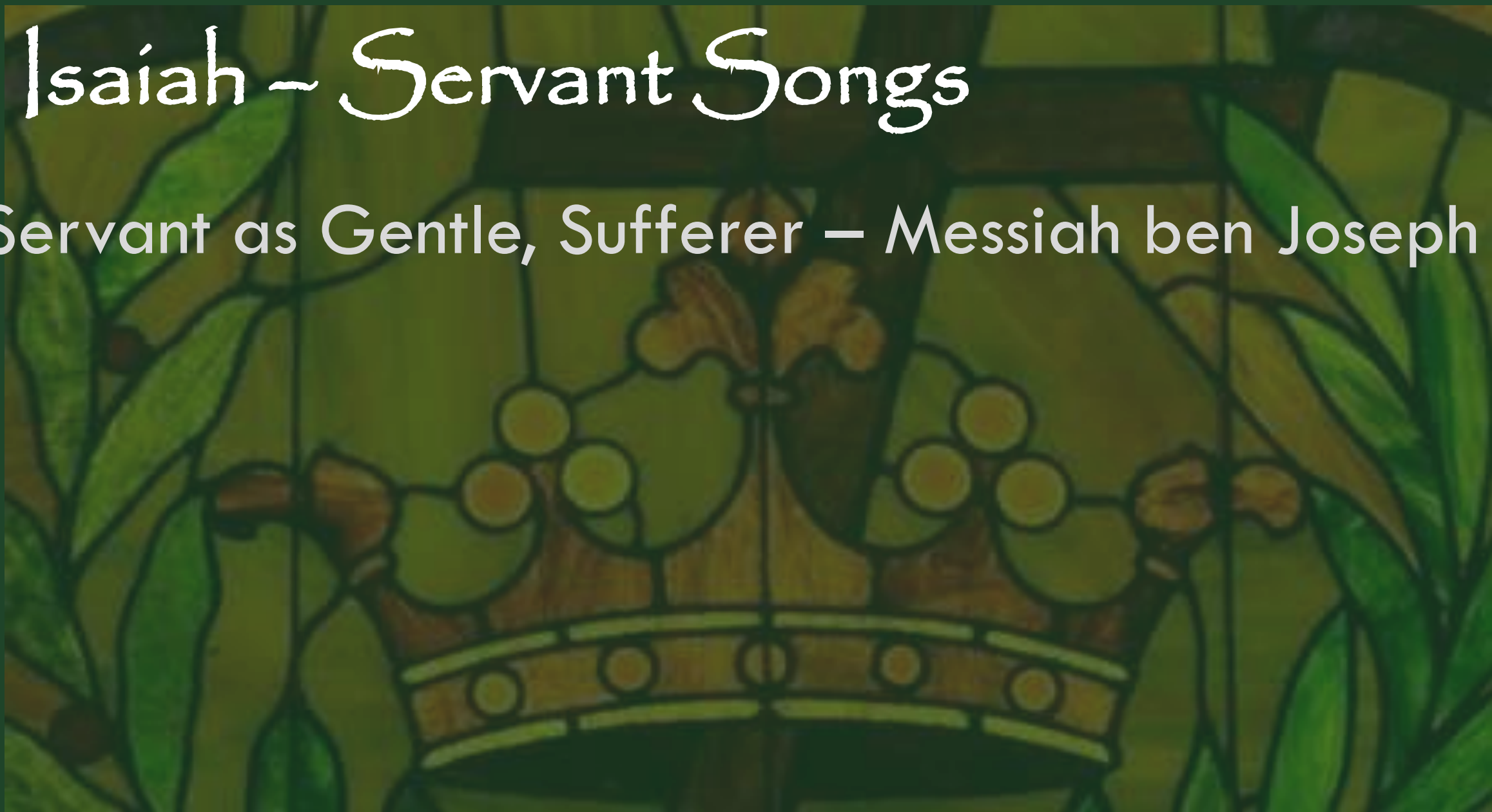
**Sharpened sword/polished arrow –
weapons of war, symbols of judgment**

Revelation 1: 12-16 – the sword is there, but not yet...

Revelation 19: 11-16 – sword unhidden, nations judged

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

Servant as Gentle, Sufferer – Messiah ben Joseph ?



Isaiah – Servant Songs

Messiah ben Joseph ?

Joseph – son of Jacob (Israel) & Rachel

Beloved by his father

Attacked by brothers

Sold for silver – servant in Egypt

**Falsely accused, arrested, imprisoned
(numbered with the transgressors)**

Saved many lives – intended for harm, God turned to good

Zechariah 9: 9 – gentle & riding on a donkey

Isaiah – Servant Songs

The Gentle Servant – Messiah ben Joseph ?

Not shout, cry out, raise his voice

Bruised reeds, smoldering wicks

No rebellion, not drawn back –

even offered back, cheeks, face

Tender shoot

Not open mouth even as oppressed, afflicted

No violence, no deceit

Isaiah ~ Servant Songs

The Suffering Servant – Messiah ben Joseph ?



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The Suffering Servant – Messiah ben Joseph ?

Abhorred by *the nation*

Despised

Appalling, Disfigured, Marred

No beauty, no majesty

Nothing attractive

Nothing to desire

Familiar with suffering

No esteem

Isaiah – Servant Songs

The Suffering Servant – Messiah ben Joseph ?

Rejected

Stricken

Smitten

Afflicted

Pierced

Crushed

Punished

Wounded

Oppressed

Judged

Cut off

Caused to suffer

Poured out life unto death

Isaiah – Servant Songs

The Suffering Servant – Messiah ben Joseph ?

Who has believed our message?

To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isaiah 53: 1

Was My arm too short to ransom you?

Do I lack the strength to rescue you?

Isaiah 50: 2

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save...

His own arm worked salvation... Isaiah 59: 1, 16

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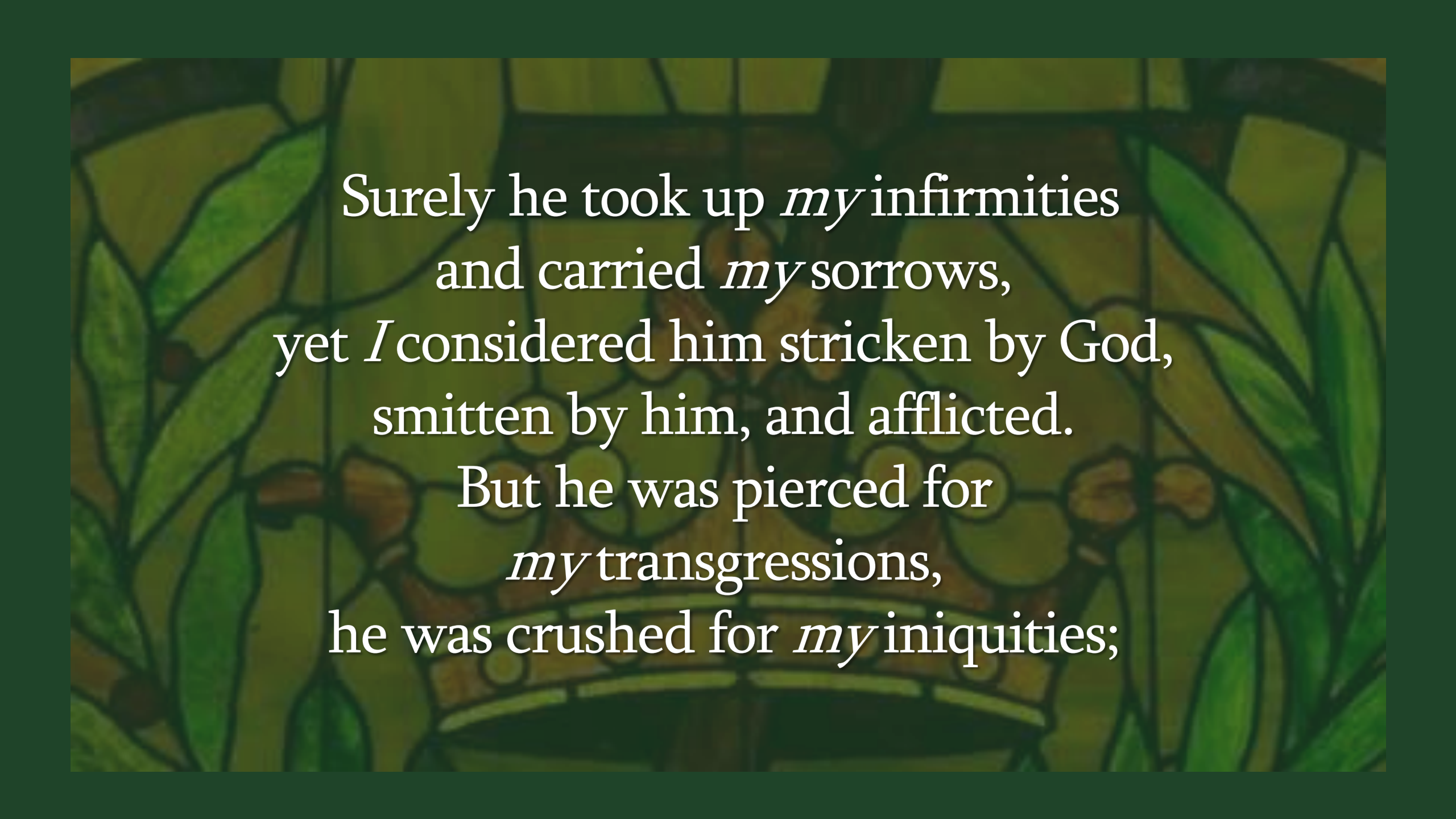
Though crushed & suffer, a guilt offering...(due Him)

He will see offspring, prolong His days

He will see the light of life...(His reward)

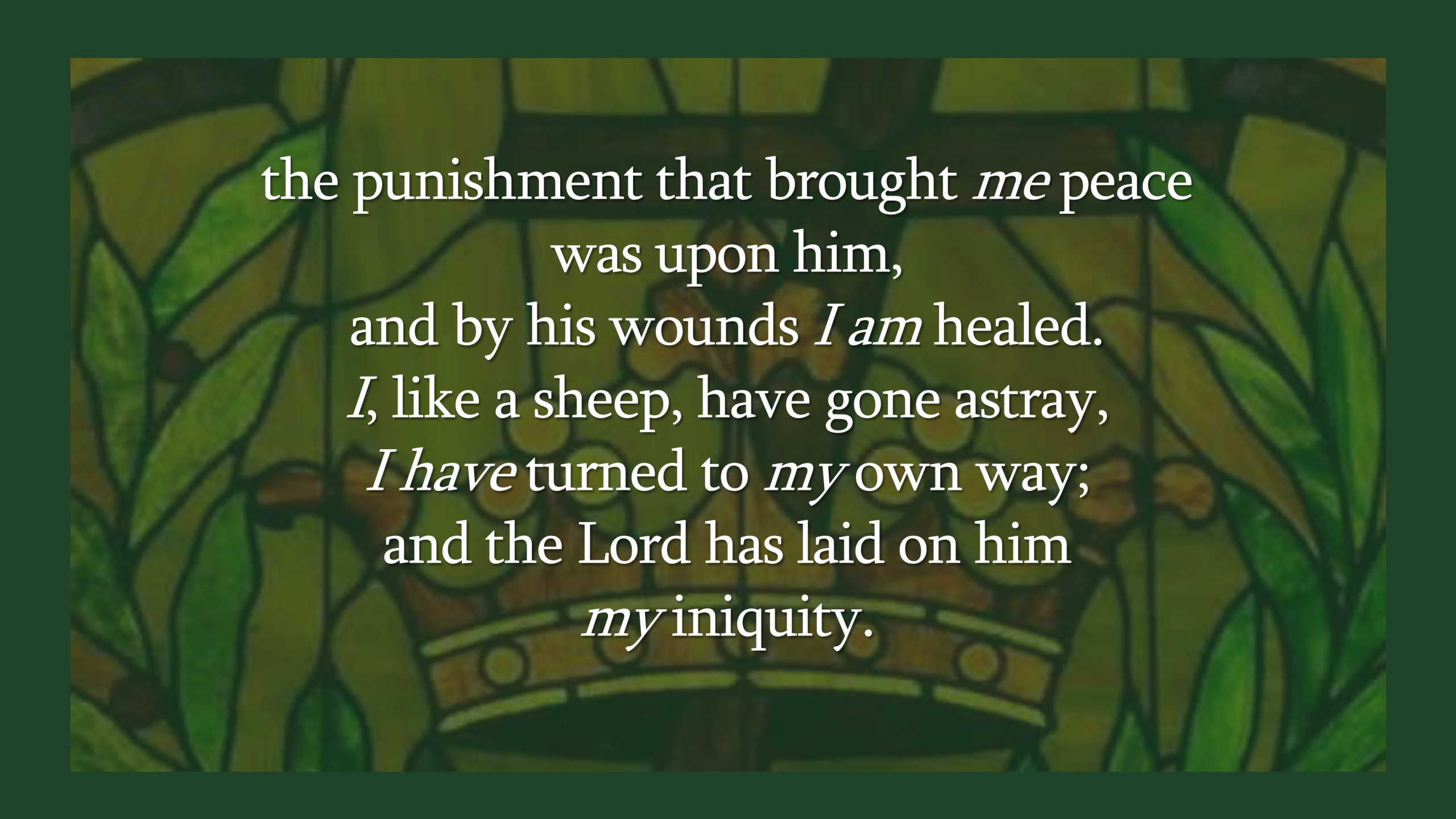
Isaiah 53: 10-11

RESURRECTED!!



Surely he took up *my* infirmities
and carried *my* sorrows,
yet *I* considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for
my transgressions,
he was crushed for *my* iniquities;



the punishment that brought *me* peace
was upon him,
and by his wounds *I am* healed.
I, like a sheep, have gone astray,
I have turned to *my* own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
my iniquity.

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Chosen by God

For Israel & gentiles

God/man

Messiah ben David

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