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"Who has believed our report? And to whom is <u>the Arm of the LORD</u> revealed? For <u>He</u> shall grow up before Him (the LORD God) as <u>a tender plant</u>, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see <u>Him</u>, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. <u>He is despised and rejected of men</u>; <u>a Man of Sorrows (pains)</u>, and <u>acquainted with</u> <u>grief (sickness)</u>; and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteemed Him. <u>Surely our griefs (sicknesses) He-himself has borne, and carried our</u> <u>sorrows (pains)</u>; yet we did esteem Him stricken, <u>smitten of God</u>, and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was <u>bruised for our iniquities</u>; the chastisement <u>of our</u> <u>peace</u> was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:1-5)

Surely: from the Hebrew word <u>aken</u> which means: <u>surely</u>; or <u>certainly</u>, or <u>truly</u>

He: from the Hebrew word hu which means: he; or himself, i.e. he-himself; Jesus Himself.

Has Borne: from the Hebrew word <u>*nasa*</u> which means: <u>has-borne</u>; to-lift, to carry; figuratively, or physically; in the sense of healing and removing sickness, afflictions, etc.

Our Griefs: from the Hebrew word <u>holayenu</u> which means: <u>our-sicknesses</u>, our-diseases, our-illnesses, our-afflictions. Jesus became <u>very much</u> 'acquainted' or knowledgable with these sicknesses, especially when many such people were brought to Him to be healed.

Carried: from the Hebrew word <u>sebalam</u> which means: to bear or carry a heavy load; as in hard physical labor; or in heavy grievous sorrow. As in casting our cares upon Jesus!

Our Sorrows: from the Hebrew word <u>umakobenu</u> which means: <u>our-pains</u>, oursufferings; <u>our-sorrows</u>, physical or mental ...

Matthew in his Gospel account quotes from Isaiah as follows:

"And when Jesus came into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying, and sick with a fever. And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto them. When the evening had come, they brought unto Him many who were <u>possessed with demons</u>; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed <u>all</u> who were sick; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken <u>by Isaiah the prophet, saying</u>, '<u>He Himself took our infirmities</u> (*lit. weaknesses*), and bore our sicknesses." (Matthew 8:14-17)

The sense is that He removed our sicknesses and weaknesses, and replaced them with healing and strength in Christ Jesus!

Took: from the Greek word <u>elaben</u> which means: to take, to receive; to remove, properly: to actively lay hold in a pro-active sense to remove our weaknesses whatever they may be. In context: Jesus truly wanted to heal and restore people back to perfect health, both physically, mentally, and spiritually!

Our Infirmities: from the Greek word <u>*a-stheneias*</u> which means: without-strengths, thus: <u>weaknesses</u>, frailties, <u>infirmities</u>, sicknesses, whether physically, mentally, or spiritually; and thus includes iniquities; but all rooted in weaknesses of mind, soul, and flesh.

Bore: from the Greek word <u>**ebastasen**</u> which means: <u>to bear</u> up and carry, to take up and carry; to remove, often with the hands. The context is: removal, deliverance, and healing!

Our Sicknesses: from the Greek word <u>*nosous*</u> which means: diseases, sicknesses; chronic persisting diseases; typically an incurable ailment, like leprosy, paralysis, etc.

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Thus, the overall context seems to be associated more with sicknesses and weaknesses rather than the emotional feelings of griefs and sorrows; although griefs and sorrows may be symptoms of prolonged sicknesses and weaknesses; and outward grief and sorrow may be more outwardly 'visible' than the root causes of sicknesses and weaknesses. The Greek translation, of <u>Isaiah 53:4</u>, in <u>Matthew 8:17</u>, clarifies the true contextual sense.

Jesus bore and carried the responsibility, given to Him, by His father in heaven to do these ihealings, etc ...; also in fulfillment of the prophetic word:

"And He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, '*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because <u>He has</u> <u>anointed Me to preach the Good-news to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the</u> <u>brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind,</u> <u>to set at liberty those who are bruised</u>, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.' (<i>Isaiah 61:1-2*) And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And **He** began to say unto them, '<u>This day this scripture is fulfilled in your ears</u>.'" (Luke 4:16-21)

"And John (the Baptist) calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to <u>Jesus</u>, saying, 'Are You <u>He</u> who should come? Or do we look for another?' When the men had come unto <u>Him</u>, they said, 'John Baptist has sent us unto You, saying, 'Are You <u>He</u> who should come? Or do we look for another?' And in that same hour <u>He (Jesus)</u> cured many of their sicknesses (*nosous*) and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then answering, Jesus said unto them, 'Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that **the blind see**, **the lame walk**, **the lepers are cleansed**, **the deaf hear**, **the dead are raised**, <u>and to the poor the Good-news is preached</u>." (<u>Luke 7:19-22</u>)

The four Gospel accounts clearly record the large amount of time that Jesus <u>took upon</u> Himself in healing and dealing with the sicknesses, pains, and sorrows of the multitudes of people who came to Him. However, the context of Isaiah 53 primarily speaks of Jesus as being the suffering Savior Messiah who gave up His life for the forgiveness of the iniquities and sins of people. The inclusion of Jesus as bearing our sicknesses, and caring our sorrows, in Isaiah 53, to some degree reveals the connection of sicknesses and sorrows with iniquities and sins. In one healing situation Jesus began by first 'forgiving the sins of a paralytic man' (something only God can do!). To prove He had authority to forgive sins, and perhaps to show the connection of sin and sickness, Jesus also healed the man from his paralysis (again something only God can do!). Please consider this event as follows:

"And, behold, men brought on a bed a man who was a paralytic; and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before **Him** (Jesus). And when they could not find a way that they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his bed into the midst <u>before Jesus</u>. And when He saw their faith, He said unto him, '<u>Man, your sins are forgiven you</u>.' And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, 'Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?' But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said unto them, 'Why reason you in your hearts? What is easier, to say, 'Your sins be forgiven you;' or to say, 'Rise up and walk?' But, so that you may know that the **Son of Man** has authority (power) upon earth to forgive sins, then He said unto the paralytic, 'I say unto you, arise, and take up your bed, and go unto your house.' And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that upon what he lay, and departed to his own house, **glorifying God**. And they were all amazed, and <u>they</u> **glori fied God**, and were filled with fear, saying, 'We have seen unexpected (or, hard to comprehend) things today.' " (Luke 5:18-26)

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Jesus Himself equated sin as being a form of sickness which He came to bear upon Himself as well as providing physical healing. Please consider the following situations:

"And after these things <u>**He**</u> (Jesus) went forth, and saw a publican (a tax collector), named Levi, sitting at the tax-office; and <u>**He**</u> said unto him, '**Follow** <u>**Me**</u>.' And he left all, rose up, and <u>followed</u> <u>**Him**</u>. And Levi made for **Him** a great feast in his own house; and there was a great company of publicans and of others who sat down with them. But the scribes and Pharisees murmured against <u>**His**</u> disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with publicans and sinners?' And Jesus answering said unto them, 'Those who are whole do not need a physician; but those who **are sick** do. I came not to call the righteous, <u>**but sinners**</u> to repentance.'" (Luke 5:27-32)

"And one of the Pharisees desired of **Him (Jesus)** that he would eat with him. And **He** went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And, behold, a woman in the city, who was a **sinner**, when she knew that Jesus reclined in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of fragrant oil, and stood at **His** feet behind **Him weeping**, and began to wash **His** feet with her tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited **Him** saw it, he spoke within himself, saying, 'This man, if **He** were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is who touched Him; for she is a sinner.' And Jesus answering said unto him, 'Simon, I have something to say unto you.' And he said, 'Teacher, say it.' There was a certain creditor who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me therefore, which of them will love him the most?' Simon answered and said, 'I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most.' And He said unto him, 'You have rightly judged.' And He turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, 'See you this woman? I entered into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet; but she has washed My feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. You gave Me no kiss; but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss My feet. My head with oil you did not anoint; but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore, I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.' And He said unto her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' And those who reclined with Him began to say within themselves, 'Who is this that forgives sins also?' And He said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace!' " (Luke 7:36-50)

This woman came to Jesus for spiritual deliverance and healing; as did many many others who came to Jesus! And Jesus healed them all! And in <u>Matthew 11:28</u> Jesus says to everyone:

"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

So Let it Be !!

Surely Truly Jesus Bears Our Sicknesses And Carries Our Sorrows

Jesus was sent by the Father to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised !!

The blind did see, the lame did walk, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf did hear, the dead were raised, and the sinners were forgiven !!

All Glory be to God the Father and His Son – Jesus <u>our</u> Lord and Savior !! Thank You for Giving <u>us</u> Rest and Peace !!

Thank You for forgiving <u>all my</u> debts, sins, and iniquities !!