

## Isaiah 53

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our report?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been  
revealed?

<sup>2</sup> **For He shall grow up before Him as a  
tender plant,  
And as a root out of dry ground.  
He has no form or comeliness;  
And when we see Him,  
There is no beauty that we should desire  
Him.**

<sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected by men,  
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.  
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;  
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

<sup>4</sup> **Surely He has borne our griefs  
And carried our sorrows;  
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

<sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> **All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own  
way;  
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity  
of us all.**

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
Yet He opened not His mouth;  
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,  
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.

<sup>8</sup> **He was taken from prison and from  
judgment,  
And who will declare His generation?  
For He was cut off from the land of the  
living;  
For the transgressions of My people He  
was stricken.**

<sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked—  
But with the rich at His death,  
Because He had done no violence,  
Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

<sup>10</sup> **Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;  
He has put Him to grief.  
When You 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.**

<sup>11</sup> He shall see the labor of His soul, and be  
satisfied.  
By His knowledge My righteous Servant  
shall justify many,  
For He shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore I will divide Him a portion  
with the great,  
And He shall divide the spoil with the  
strong,  
Because He poured out His soul unto  
death,  
And He was numbered with the  
transgressors,  
And He bore the sin of many,  
And made intercession for the  
transgressor.**

## John 1:1-5 (Latin)

In principio erat Verbum et Verbum erat apud Deum  
et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud  
Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt et sine ipso  
factum est nihil quod factum est. In ipso vita erat et  
vita erat lux hominum. Et lux in tenebris lucet et  
tenebrae eam non comprehenderunt.

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MR. PRESIDENT: No man thinks more highly than I do of the patriotism, as well as abilities, of the very worthy gentlemen who have just addressed the House. But different men often see the same subject in different lights; and, therefore, I hope it will not be thought disrespectful to those gentlemen if, entertaining as I do, opinions of a character very opposite to theirs, I shall speak forth my sentiments freely, and without reserve. This is no time for ceremony. The question before the House is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part, I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery; and in proportion to the magnitude of the subject ought to be the freedom of the debate. It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and fulfil the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country. Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offence, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an act of disloyalty toward the majesty of heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.

Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and, having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation? For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it.

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided; and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what there has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years, to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves, and the House? Is it that insidious smile with which our petition has been lately received? Trust it not, sir; it will prove a snare to your feet. Suffer not yourselves to be betrayed with a kiss. Ask yourselves how this gracious reception of our petition comports with these war-like preparations which cover our waters and darken our land. Are fleets and armies necessary to a work of love and reconciliation? Have we shown ourselves so unwilling to be reconciled, that force must be called in to win back our love? Let us not deceive ourselves, sir. These are the implements of war and subjugation; the last arguments to which kings resort. I ask, gentlemen, sir, what means this martial array, if its purpose be not to force us to submission? Can gentlemen assign any other possible motive for it? Has Great Britain any enemy, in this quarter of the world, to call for all this accumulation of navies and armies? No, sir, she has none. They are meant for us; they can be meant for no other. They are sent over to bind and rivet upon us those chains which the British ministry have been so long forging. And what have we to oppose to them? Shall we try argument? Sir, we have been trying that for the last ten years. Have we anything new to offer upon the subject? Nothing. We have held the subject up in every light of which it is capable; but it has been all in vain.