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"The Light in the Darkness"

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

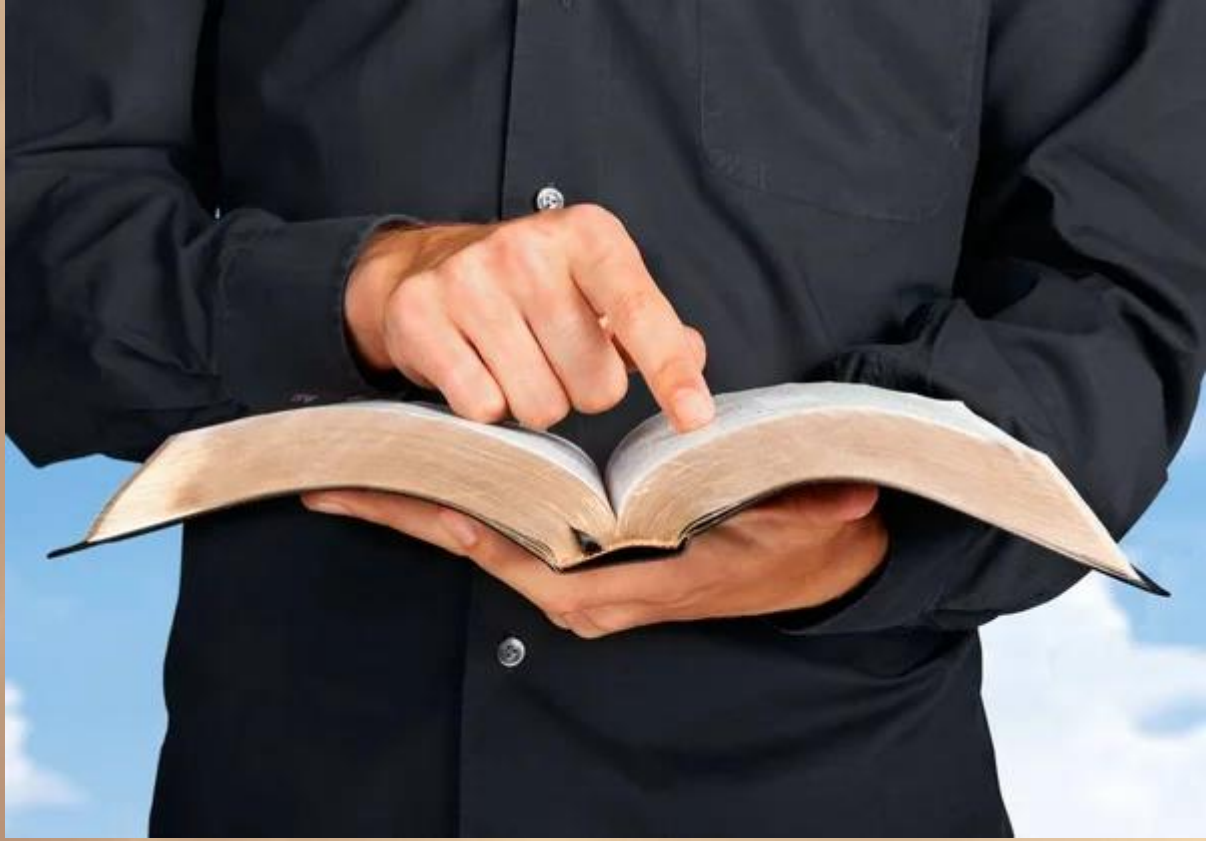
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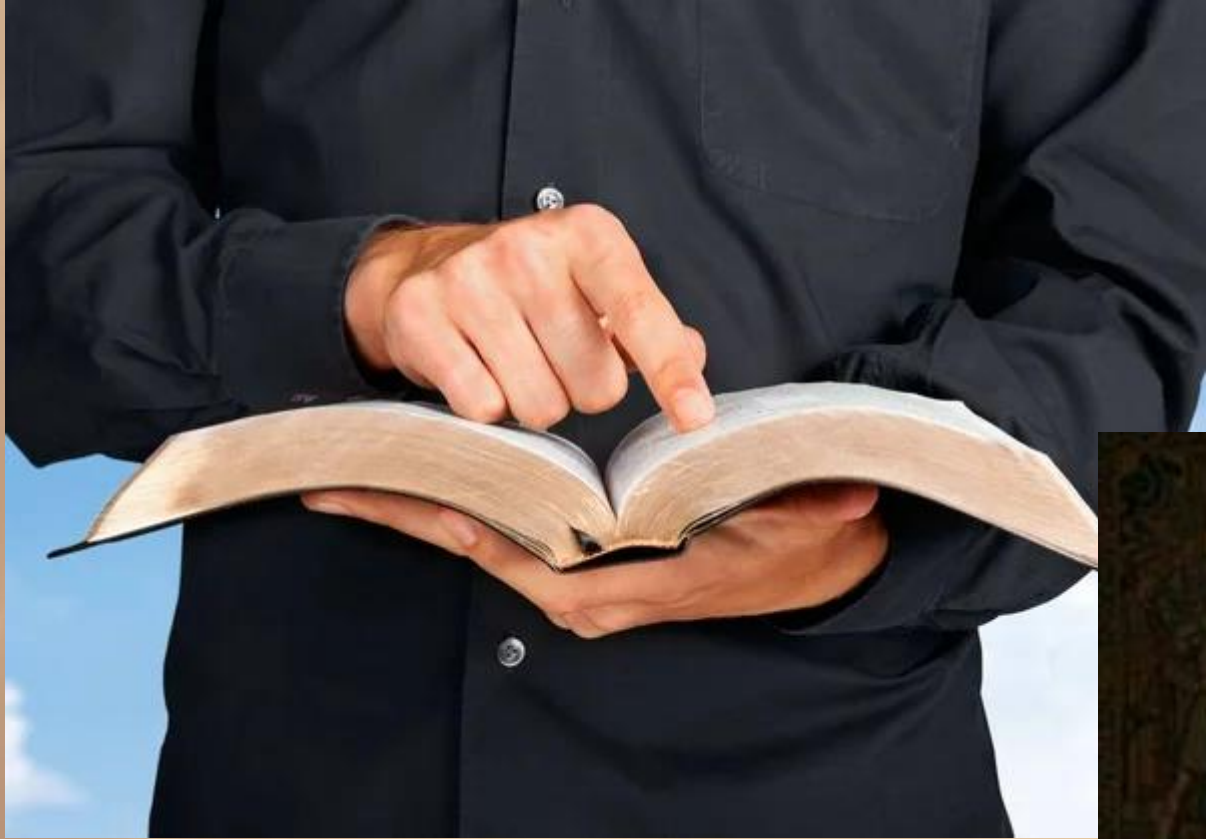
Key Question in Isaiah:

“How can sinful Israel become servant Israel?”

– John N Oswalt







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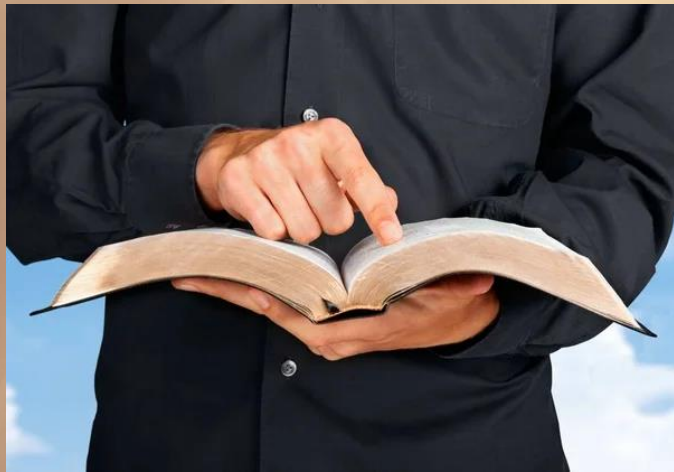
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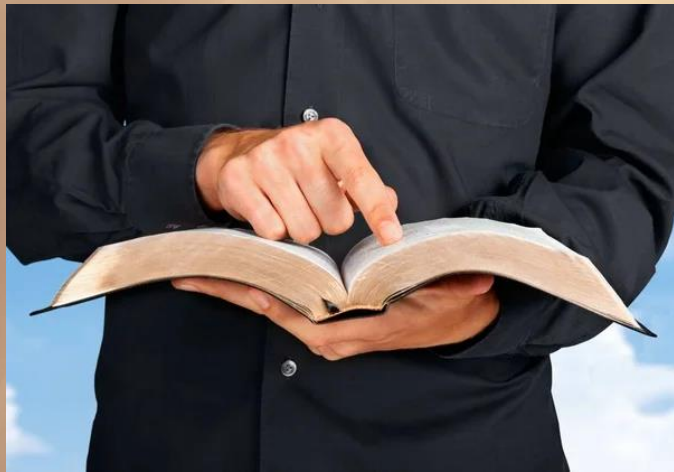
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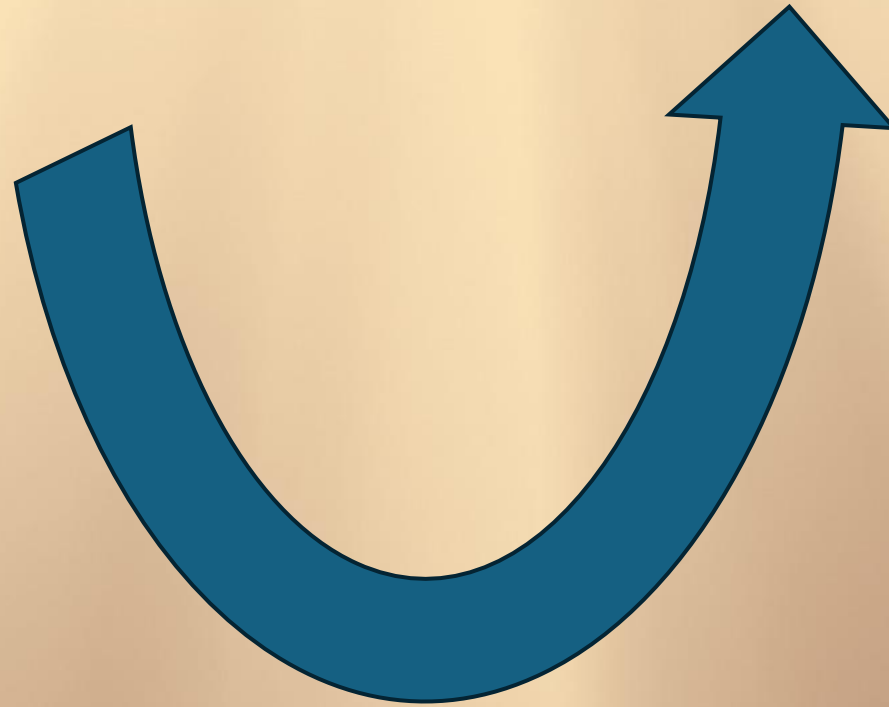
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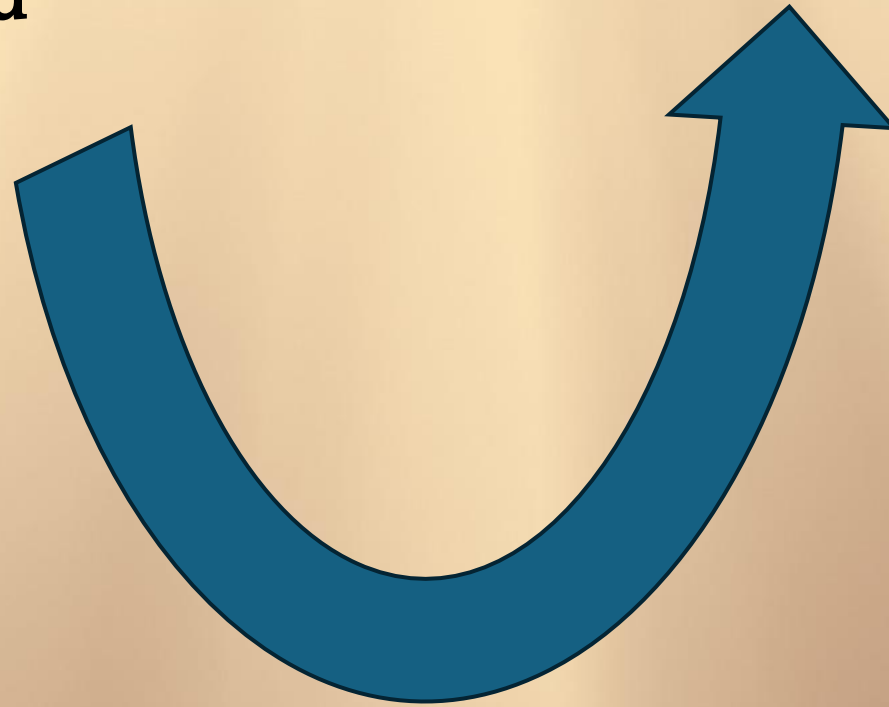
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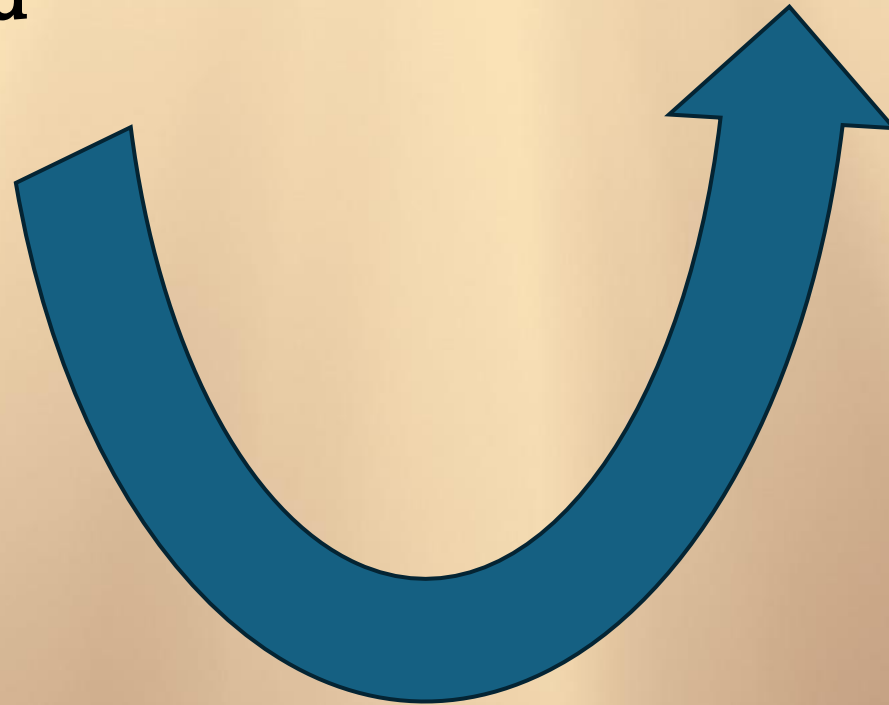
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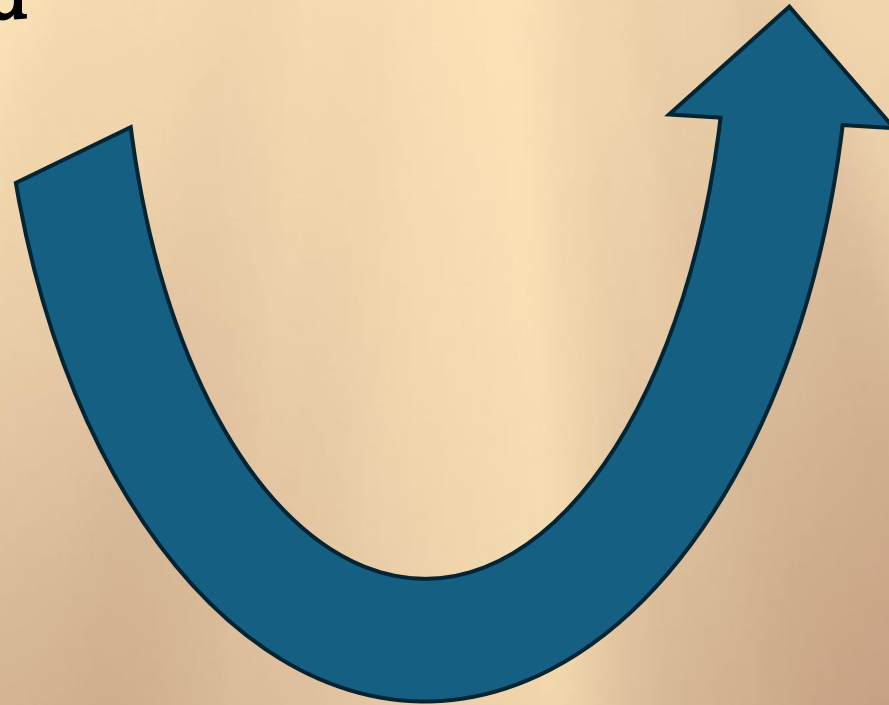


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- Yet they reveal just how deep Jesus would descend to save his people.



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**“He came to his own,
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did not receive him.”
- John 1:11**



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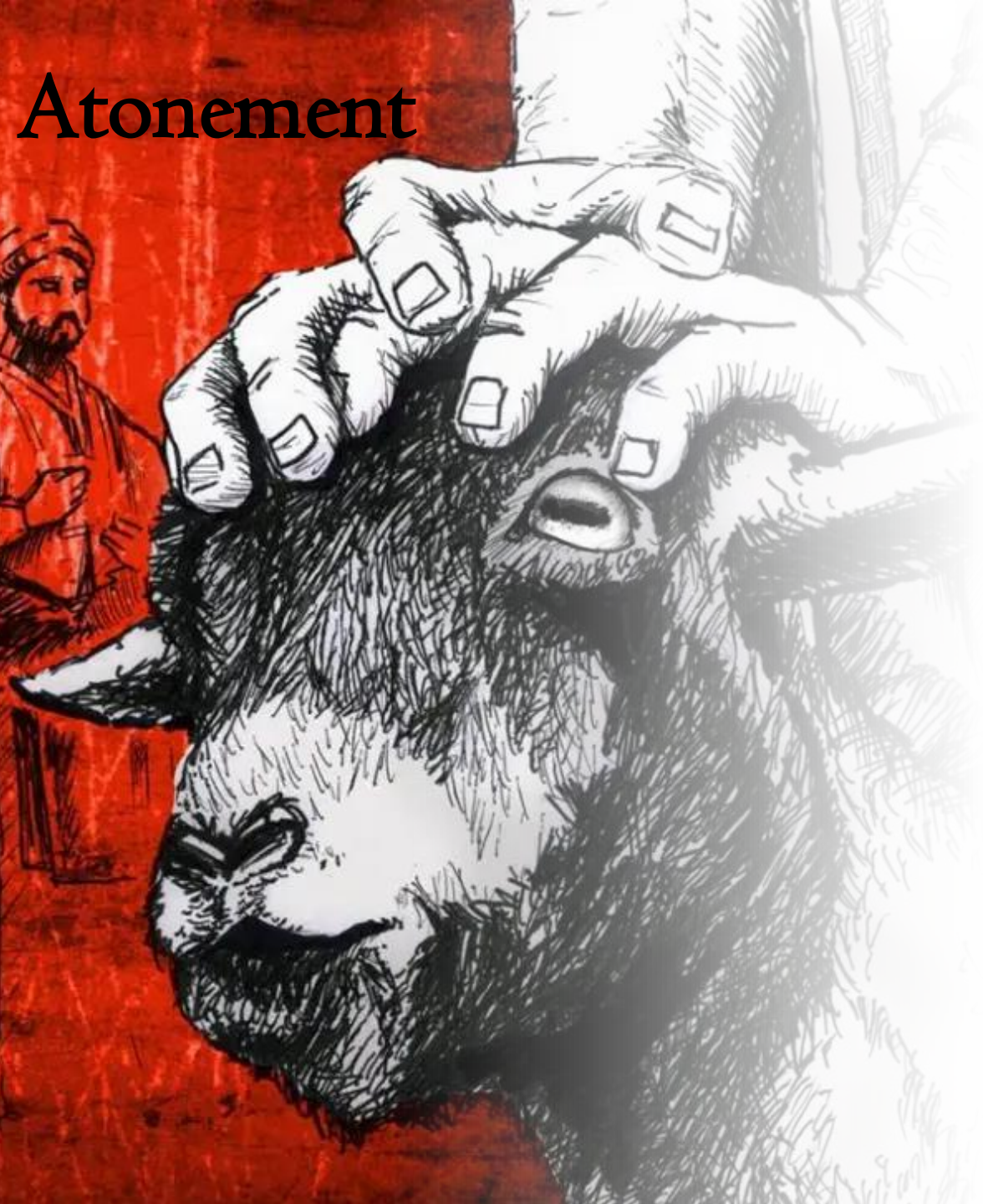
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[Aaron] shall bring forward the live goat. ²¹ He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. ²² The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.

- Leviticus 16:20-22

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 - Our sin was imputed (credited) to the Servant as though it was his own.



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MATTHEW 20:28



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2 Corinthians 5:21

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- God’s ultimate will: the servant’s resurrection reward in those he declares righteous.

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