**SINGING:**  47:1,2,4,8; 400:5,6; 185:1,2,5,6,7; 111:3,4; 429:4

**READING:** Exodus 20: 1 -1-17; Isaiah 53

 **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD!**

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Text: Isaiah 53: 7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his

mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep

before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

* How special: the Lord brings these two men together in

the wilderness.

**Behold Him in His afflicton**

* *He was oppressed.*

When the iniquity of us all was laid on Him.

* Does this type of response really satisfy you, I mean:

set you free?

* God has laid charges against you and demands of you

perfect obedience and payment for your mountains of

debt.

* For our transgressions He was oppressed, afflicted.
* Willingly He suffered to be oppressed and crushed…

in their place.

* Are there here, among us, of those sinners, who stand

before God empty handed?

* Come to Him, to Him who has come to seek and to save

that which is lost. Behold the Lamb of God!

* Don’t you feel your heart’s resistance against such a

confession?

* A saviour has only value if we have been saved from

something, right?

**Behold Him in His being silent.**

* He gave Himself wholeheartedly and completely.

He was willing as a sacrificial lamb.

* No bitter word came off His lips. Nor a bitter word against

them for whom He suffered.

* He was silent so that God might dwell among a stubborn

people.

* See the amazing fact that Christ still continues to be

silent, in almost endless patience.

* For your iniquities I have given Myself to be bruised.

The chastisement of your peace was on Me.

* It is the work of the great Shepherd to shear His sheep.

He takes His sheep and shears them.

* Therefore, do affliction and trials trouble you?

Are you as a sheep that is being shorn?

This is His wisdom. Follow Him then in quietness.