

verse it clearly indicates the great suffering that the Servant voluntarily endures in order to bring salvation to others. Jesus said: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself" (John 10:17-18).

The King James rendering, "the chastisement of our peace," literally represents the Hebrew but in present English does not quite give the thought. The Hebrew genitive does not only indicate possession but may also indicate purpose. Thus the translation "the chastisement for our peace," which brings out the thought much more clearly, is entirely proper.

The Hebrew word translated "peace" ^{^41} means not merely cessation from warfare but actual well-being, and should be understood throughout the Bible in a much broader sense than the usual meaning of the English word *peace*.

The healing described in verse 5 is spiritual in nature. God may choose to heal us physically, but we have no right to demand that He do so. Many illnesses are caused by spiritual or mental conflicts; salvation through Christ, if properly understood and appropriated, should eliminate such conflicts and produce a mental relaxation that can relieve illnesses of this type. In any particular instance, God is able, if He chooses, to heal the body and enable the Christian to live longer than would otherwise be the case. Yet it is often His will that His people should show forth His praise by bearing patiently whatever sufferings He may choose to send them. In the present age everyone must die, but all who believe in Christ will eventually be raised from the dead, never again to suffer pain.

Verse 6 makes a very apt comparison of humanity to straying sheep. Each of us has followed his own willful desires and has strayed away from the paths that God has ordained for our good. Yet the LORD takes a particular interest in each individual, and everyone who turns to Christ can truly say that the LORD has caused his iniquity to fall on the spotless Lamb of God.

Here the portion of the chapter that uses the pronoun *we* comes to an end. The rest of the chapter is spoken from the