

## 15 Isaiah Sees the Saviour

LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Following these wonderful verses we find other subjects of quite a different nature. At first their variety may seem bewildering. We shall now glance at a few of them. For instance, 41:5-7 reads:

(5) The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. (6) They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. (7) So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, it is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

Chapter 42 sounds still different. Its first four verses read:

(1) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. (2) He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. (3) A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. (4) He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

After these wonderful verses, which immediately bring the meek and gentle Saviour before our eyes, verses 13 to 15 of the same chapter sound almost like the war cry of one filled with despair:

(13) The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. (14) I have long time holden my peace; have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. (15) I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

Isaiah 46:11 describes God's purpose in very strange terms,