

and this rendering fits the present context far better). God will direct the work of His people in truth for He is indeed a God of Truth. The covenant that He makes with them is everlasting; He never goes back on His Word.

In verse 9 this section is climaxed with the promise that the Redeemer's people will be recognized among all nations as truly belonging to God and being the recipients of His blessing.

Thus these six verses describe blessings which are not to occur in their fullness until the Millennium. Yet the dominant note in the verses is not so much a description of the Millennium as a presentation of the outworking of redemption in the physical and national sphere. That which was lost and under the power of Satan is to be restored and established in its rightful position.

3. The Assured Completion of the Redeemer's Mission, 61:10-62:1

It is a little difficult to say whether to consider section D -- "The Redeemer Describes His Work" -- as ending with 61:11 or as continuing into 62:1. The next section (C. Millennial Blessings) is closely bound with it, since all the millennial blessings described are clearly stated to be the result of the work of the Redeemer. Nevertheless, the emphasis in this verse seems to be upon the work of the Redeemer rather than upon its results, and it is probably better to include it in our present section even though the following verses are closely related to it as its effect.

Verse 10 shows the Redeemer rejoicing in God, who bestows indescribable blessings upon Him. These blessings are compared to the joy which comes to a bridegroom on his wedding day -- a very fitting description, for Christ is often compared to a bridegroom. The blessings which bring the most rejoicing to the Redeemer are designated as the "garments of salvation," and "the robe of righteousness." He is happiest because of the completion of His redemptive work of freeing His people from the guilt and power of sin. By His resurrection God gives the earnest of our redemption and assures us of present salvation and perfected righteousness to come. Thus the garments the