

earth should be blessed. In order that this should provide the means of ~~xxxx~~ solving the ~~xxxx~~ problem of the world's bringing light to the Gentiles. But then as we went on we found that Israel, the servant of the Lord, was blind and deaf, and in exile, and in difficulty, and we read in there that Israel had sinned against God. Israel must perform the work of the servant of the Lord. That is the thing for which God calls Israel. That word is bound to be fulfilled. On the other hand, Israel is in sin, and we cannot carry it out. How can Israel do the work? How can God's promise be fulfilled? That the servant of the Lord will do this work? Not only is this work needed for the ~~V~~rest of the world, but it is needed for Israel also. Israel ~~xxxx~~ itself is in exile not a cause of some capriciousness on the part of God, not because God was not strong enough to protect them from the Gods of the Babylonians, but because Israel had sinned, and the deliverance from exile, there would just have to be another exile, unless some answer can be found to the sin question. And so the servant is to bring a light to the Gentiles, but there is also need of light to the Jews. The servant is to redeem the Gentiles of sin and iniquity, but the Jews ~~xxxx~~ need it also. Israel needs it as well. And so we more and more get to see ...10<sup>1</sup>....to our attention, which ~~is~~ is suggested even to some extent in the first presentation of the servant. That the servant is not a nation, but is an individual, an individual of this nation, an individual representing the nation, an individual doing the work for which the nation has been called. But an individual, who while He is Israel, He is from Israel, He does the work for which Israel is called, He represents Israel, and yet He must do the work for Israel, as well as for the Gentiles, and so we gradually get the figure of the individual servant differentiated from the nation from which He comes, and which He represents/ in the world. Student .....

AAM: No, I wouldn't say it quite that way. I would say that God, speaking of the work which the servant is to do, and describing the servant does describe the individual right from the beginning. The individual who is to do the work for which the nation has been called, which was the very