

don't think it is here described. They are calm, quiet, easy-going and most confident of their success. There is sufficient faith, force, etc. to go forward and there is the need for energetic maneuvering and the ability to go forward quietly and calmly and go on in the work they have undertaken. When we read this and think of Israel we think of Israel as it

is today -- individuals among the Jews to whom this v. 2 would apply today as much or more than to any of us but there are many among them who are very successful by various means of technique and so much so that they receive something of a reputation for that. The proof is rather derived from the situation of Israel in exile and in captivity and in a situation in which it is difficult to think of them with the force and calmness to go forth. I hardly think we can judge by the entire race but I do think we are all affected by our environment -- you take the people from England and from Scotland that came over to this country -- some came from the south and some from the north and they have developed different ways of doing things typical of the section from which they came. Ill. of man who came from Texas and everyone in Va. had time to spend with him but when he came to N. Y. they did not have time to speak to him as they had not caught up with yesterday yet. That is a characteristic difference between people and it is not transmitted by blood. Ques. about characteristics. They have a closely knit group and that accounts for the children being like the parents and they are more closely knit than most groups. The real truth of it comes when I look back at the time of the exile and we wonder if it would be probable that this would be the case and what they were then is just a mere suggestion of what they are today. Story of playing chess with one Jew and then with another and the second one had a different attitude entirely different. He asked the first one how he had found me to play with and the answer was "I found him to be a gentleman." It takes great confidence to utilize the type of pursuit in these verses and I think that is what is meant in v. 3 "A bruised reed shall he not break and a smoking flax shall he not quench". He is gentle and careful with the thing and is not one to go out and be rough but he is determined and has the force. There is a power there, a confidence and an assurance. It did seem difficult to a race in captivity and intending to be spared. So we have a picture here of the time just after Israel has been called God's servant and it is a picture here of His servant and people might very well begin to ask how it fits and it does not take much thought before they see how the picture fits and God describes his servant as the servant should be. He is telling how the servant should