

statements hitting this and that . But there is a carefully worked out organized arrangement here--a psychological presentation of ideas and a gradual bringing together of these vital facts that certainly present, and to bring to their realization that the most important thing, is not the ~~political~~ solution of the Babylonian question, but the solution of the sin-question. And that unless this question was dealt with, all these problems about social and political are trivial in comparison to this. So after the Lord has declared His power, then we come to v. 4 which is quite strange. It is the Lord who has just been talking--now who has he given that tongue to--was it to Isaiah, or Israel as a whole? "The Lord Jehovah hath given me the tongue of them that are taught, that I may know how to sustain with words him that is weary--The Lord hath opened mine ear and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward--is that Isaiah speaking there?"

50:6 # 225 --It sounds like someone far greater than Israel or even Isaiah. Note v. 6. Israel has had her back to the smiters--but not the patient submission. But there is no voluntary submission with Israel. Is it rather an exaggerated picture of Isaiah's loyalty to the Lord. Is it not the Servant of the Lord who is speaking as he spoke in ch. 49 and 48:16? Note v. 7--9. These nations of Egypt, Assyria have disappeared--Who among you feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant? Who walks in darkness and hath no light--let him trust in the name of Jehovah and rely upon his God--the wonderful invitation to absolute confidence in the Lord and obedience to the Servant of the Lord which can bring you out of darkness into His marvelous light. He speaks here to the true believer--v. 10. The free invitation is given for them to come and believe on the Name of Christ and to come into the pure light which is promised by the Servant of the Lord and then in v. 11 He turns His head in the other direction--he turns to those who refuse to accept the put their simple trust in the Servant of the Lord . Note v. 11--these people that think they are going to heaven by their good works and work out a beautiful way of accomplishing the thing. If you think that you can get to heaven by your good works--let see you do it. Some people say if they follow the golden rule, that will get them to heaven--the answer in some cases may be--No, you have to follow the Lord Jesus Christ; but many times the most direct answer is, All right, are you following the Golden Rule--are you getting to heaven by it. Are you truly following. Is your mean successful. There is many a group, cult and belief which