

has followed the Bible and what the founders learned of the Word of God and through that America has reached to a degree of prosperity, of power that no other nation has ever reached in the world, but it is building on the ethics of our forefathers and not our present

Ch. 50s. 4-7 fit exactly the Servant of the Lord when he came, but at this time ~~Isaiah~~ Isaiah gives you a glimpse here and there, and as you read it, is it the Lord or does someone else all of a sudden speak. It doesn't fit Israel as a whole, and it hardly seems that it is Isaiah's personality or Isaiah that is specifically that is spoke of--it certainly doesn't fit Israel and the suffering that came to it, even though the suffering can be described in these terms. Israel has many times since gone through the suffering described here, but it seems here that one is submitting himself voluntarily to this and who can it be. The answer would seem--that I don't see how it can quite fit the Servant of the Lord, this wonderful one that is coming as told us in ch. 42--He that is coming without fear, confidently to bring the light to the Gentiles and to deliver the people from captivity--how can these statements here be said of him and yet I don't see to what else it can apply to and therefore I put it on the shelf here and say it might be the Servant of the Lord and we wait and see if in subsequent chapters, Isaiah will give us an answer to the problem and whether He will reveal to us how this can apply to the Servant of the Lord. We don't find the answer in this chapter and we get the answer two chapters later.

Ch. 51--He continues there to look back at the origin. You are going along fulfilling this and that aspect of the Law, and trying to keep all these minute regulations and these detailed prescriptions and you think that you are going to get salvation through them, but look where these came from. They came from Moses, Abraham--look to them and see where they got their righteousness. Did Abraham get His righteousness by keeping the Mosesic law--he never even heard of the Mosesic law. That is the exact argument that Paul uses in the book of Romans. Abraham was was circumcised--he wasn't saved through circumcision but that was given as a sign and a seal of the faith that he already had--the law wasn't given to Israel for the sake of salvation at all but as a means of becoming a peculiar people, a sanctified people as an indication of how the redeemed man should live and as a picture of the means of provision in order to drive home to their minds the great truth of how they are saved through the Lord Jesus Christ. God did this all through His pure grace and it was