

meaning gradually becomes clearer.

In studying the Bible it is important to recognize the principle of progressive revelation. This does not mean that God reveals something at one time and then reveals something contradictory at a later time. God's truth is fixed and final and never does He declare anything which is false. However, he naturally does not declare all the truth at one time. The greatness of God and ^{of} His plans is so tremendous that the finite mind could not comprehend all the truth about Him. Gradually we are enabled to understand more and more. God adapts His presentation to our minds in order that we may be able to grasp His truths and gradually to understand more and more about them. The first glimpses which He gives us are true, but they are far from complete. As the revelation is continued He gives us new glimpses which enable us more fully to understand what has previously been revealed. A most interesting instance of the working out of this principle of progressive revelation is found in connection with this theme "the servant of the Lord" which is stated in verse eight and repeated in verse nine.

Verse ten declares God's protection over His people. It is a wonderful promise which God gives and one which is often used by people today to strengthen them in times of adversity.

Do we have a right to take this verse out of its context and to apply it to ourselves? In order to determine the answer to this we must examine the situation under which it is spoken. We note, of course, that the context is entirely addressed to Israel. At the same time we see that it is not given simply as a sign of special favor to Israel, but because Israel is recognized as being the servant of God. If one of us is sure that he is a