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of all the discussion of the problem of the Servant of God. The Servant of God is now explained. The climax of His work is attained and the phrase is no longer used here/ ^{after.} Hereafter there are servants of God but never again the reference in Isaiah to the Servant of God. Now we notice that it begins, "Behold my servant shall deal prudently!" He will be successful. He will accomplish His work. That, of course, is one of the great themes we have had from Isaiah 40 on. God's work is going to be accomplished, and when Israel is told that Israel is going to be saved because Israel is God's servant, there was no more any question of the accomplishment of the Servant's work. Our very first full length picture of the work of the Servant, Isaiah 42, describes Him as One Who goes forward with steady pace without any Question or any fear of never being discouraged, but knowing that His work is certain of accomplishment, and we begin here with the note of effective accomplishment of the work for which the Servant is called. The Servant is going to do His work. Who is the Servant Who is going to do the work? We've had abundant ^{evidence} /hitherto in Isaiah that the Servant must be One who represents Israel. Israel is the servant. The work of the servant is the work for Israel to do, but we've had abundant evidence that the Servant must be, not the whole nation of Israel, because He must do the work for Israel, as well as for the rest of the world. He is One Who represents Israel, Who does the work that Israel is called upon to do, but He does this work, not only for the Gentiles, as Isaiah 42 ^{did} expresses, but also for Israel, as well. Not only/He lead Gentiles out of Captivity and out of bondage, but He led Israel out of bondage but He led Israel out of its suffering, out of its trouble. All those who are to be redeemed are to find their redemption through the work of the Servant, whether they be from among the gentiles or from Israel. So we begin with the note of accomplishment. Behold, my servant shall prosper, shall deal prudently, shall accomplish His work, and here we find that the Servant is to be exalted. He will be lifted up and praised. He will be very high. There is the marvelous exaltation of the Servant. There are some who try to make these three phrases here