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"Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified." Yes. Well, 1, 2 and 3. Isaiah saying, "from the gowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name." It certainly is not simply the Lord talking because he referred to the Lord in the third person. The Lord has made mention of my name; it's someone else talking. And it hardly seems it can be the prophet. And, whoever it is says, "He said to me, Thou art my servant, O Iszzel," and verse 5 says, "And now, saith the LO D ~~what~~ formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring me Jacob to him." So that we have here a passage where the wording (L 14 1/3)

requires that we recognize that it is the personified servant of the Lord who is speaking. It's the longest passage we have yet had about the servant of the Lord. It reminds us of chapter 42 where we began, "Behold my servant, whom I uphold;" And there we had a number of verses speaking in the third person about the servant of the Lord. Now he is speaking in his own person. And since we have no question but what the servant is speaking here saying "the Lord has called me from the womb," "the Lord has done this for me," "the Lord says, 'Thout art my servant, O Israel,'" "now says the Lord who brought me from the womb to be His servant," "you're to do this," and he says in verse 6 "I will give thee for ~~al~~ a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth", reminding us very forcibly of what was said about the servant of the Lord in chapter 42, "He will bring forth judgment to the Gentiles, the isles shall wait for his law". So that the servant described in 42 here speaks and if he speaks in these first six verses unquestionably, then ~~he~~ may he not also have spoken back in chapter, in verse 16? of ~~chapter~~ 60

chapter 48. To simply out of the air say the servant of God is speaking in 48:16 would certainly be a strange thing. It is hard to explain on any other ground, but when you find six verses which are clearly the servant of the Lord speaking it is not difficult to think that possibly he <sup>already</sup> was speaking a little before that; and that there is at least one verse, and perhaps more verses in chapter 48 in which it is the servant of ~~the~~ the Lord who is speaking. And so I think that this is very helpful then in determining whether we were right in our suggestion about verse 16. But now we go on with <sup>what</sup> ~~we~~ he says: and it's interesting how he starts in; Yes, Mr. Gregory -