

Now another interesting one comes in the other outstanding prediction of the sacrifice of Christ. That, as you know, is in Isaiah 53, that wonderful picture which runs from Isaiah 52:13 to Isaiah 53:12,- "Behold my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astounded at thee (that is, Israel, who is talked to all through the chapter), as many were astounded at thee, Israel, so that his visage be marred more than any man, and his form than the sons of men: so shall he sprinkle many nations". Do you see the progress? Christ is going to be exalted - how? Because He goes through His humiliation, his visage is marred so that he hardly seems like a man even as Israel going into captivity hardly seems like a nation; and so, as a result of His humiliation, of His death on the cross, "so shall he sprinkle many nations",- (The word which is used of the sprinkling of blood and of water upon the instruments in the tabernacle to cleanse them and in the temple), so shall Christ cleanse us from our sins, as the waters of baptism go out upon nation after nation, bringing the wonderful message of deliverance through what Christ does on Calvary's cross. And then he goes on and describes the details of it, that wonderful picture of Christ in this chapter, of Christ bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows, wounded for our transgressions, the chastisement of our peace upon Him, brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb so He opens not His mouth; for the transgression of my people was he stricken, - wonderful picture of the suffering, and ending up with the picture of the glory that shall follow. "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; therefore will I divide him a portion with the great (that is, with Satan, the great powerful adversary), and he shall