

the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. In this interpretation it makes absolute sense. Every detail fits into place. It is a marvelous description of God's ~~answer~~ answer to the problem of sin -- that problem that in the previous chapters has been coming more and more to the front.

With this chapter we have our last occurrence in Isaiah of the statement "Servant of the Lord" or "my Servant," which has been so frequent in recent chapters. After this "servant" is only used in the plural. It refers to the servants of God -- those who are the followers of the great Servant of God -- those who are redeemed through what He has done.

Isaiah fifty-four begins a great call to extend the Gospel message to all the Gentiles, and in chapter fifty-five we have the wonderful Gospel call itself, the result of what God has done, as described in chapter fifty-three.