

## Isaiah 6

must be fulfilled and there is nothing against so rendering the many passages which very clearly must be so taken, to suggest that these particular verses are probably figurative expressions of Spiritual blessings to come to this portion of the olive tree during this period. Now I do not insist upon that. If some one wants to interpret it as a venture in material blessings, to those who are now grafted into the olive tree, I do not object to it, but the other seems to me the better, the more unified. Mr.---? (Student) It is a nation that was not called by His name but that comes to be called by His name. That is . . . . . A nation that was not called by my name but it does become a nation called by His name. (Student) No, but they are the servants, the followers of the Servant, the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, which, of course, includes both Jews and Gentiles. It is not merely Gentiles, but it is a group which for a time is predominantly Gentile. It began exclusively Jewish and then it took in so many Gentiles that it became overwhelmingly Gentile, although always with a certain Jewish element in it. There is never a sharp contrast. All the Jews are here; all the Gentiles are here. No, there have always been Jewish Christians. The church was originally entirely Jewish and it has always had some Jews in it and it has always had an inheritance of a large Jewish element, but it has become predominantly Gentile, with the turning to the Gentiles and-It is not the destruction of the olive tree and the establishment of the new olive tree, but it is the grafting of wild branches into the olive tree and the tearing out of certain of the natural branches. Mr. ---, what is your question. (Student) I wouldn't want to insist that that is true of Verse 1 but I think it is a possible interpretation of Verse 10. It uses the very phrase used in the first verse, "I am sought of those that asked not for me," and I think it fits best into the progress of the chapter. But then we have a contrast between those who are spoken of in Verses 8, 9 and 10 and those in 11, and I think it is again a repetition of the contrast which we found between Verses 1 and 2. Here is a blessing for those who have not sought Him, those who have not been His, but now have sought Him,