

Hezekiah looked on him with great favor. That could fit Jeremiah certainly. If anyone should suggest Jeremiah wrote this passage, this particular verse would fit well with that hypothesis, but it does not fit with Israel as the speaker, so, unless someone has another hypothesis to suggest, we'll turn to the one that Mr. Hight had to suggest. Can this be the servant speaking, the one who spoke in c. 48 and 49? Can He be saying, "The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary. Christ said, "I speak not of myself but the Father that dwelleth in me." He said, "Whatsoever the Father hath spoken, that have I spoken." The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned. The Lord hath given me what I am presenting. The Lord hath opened my ear and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. Christ said, "Father, if it be thy will, may this cup pass away from me, but thy will, not mine, be done." I was not rebellious, did not, like Israel, turn back from the path of God's appointing, seek his own will and his own way, and have to be sent into captivity. I gave my back to the smiters. I voluntarily submitted to humiliation. That's a strange thing to think of on the part of the ideal servant, the One who is a light to the Gentiles, the One who answers all the problems and needs of the world, the One who leads the captives out of prison, why should He go through any humiliation? Someone can say right away, "It's utterly inconsistent with the idea of the ideal servant, and yet we noticed yesterday in another verse a suggestion of humiliation on the part of the servant. That the servant has to undergo humiliation and suffering is previously suggested. Here it is more strongly suggested the He is humiliated, but not for His sins as the Israelites are for their sins, but that He voluntarily submits Himself to humiliation. You ask, "Why? What is the reason?" Why should it happen? We are not just told, but we are certainly given here the suggestion that He goes through some terrible humiliation as a part of the performance of