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up their own lives. You can take them that way if you want but since they are such a strong contrast, it seems to me that a strong argument could be made for making 10 the end of the previous verse and having 11 be a paragraph by itself in contrast with the whole previous passage. Mr.---? (Student) In v. 10? Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of His servant. I would think it very likely was the servant speaking. (Student) Well, the prophet certainly could say it. Yes. (Student) Yes. (Student) Shall ye have of my hand, and Christ who is now the Saviour will be the Judge, and so it could fit with Christ although in our general thought we think of it more as fitting with God and His general character rather than with the specific second person of the trinity, but v. 10 is something that the prophet could very well express, describing the serpent. Of course if it stood alone without what preceded it it might ver well be "that obeys my voice", speaking of the prophet as a servant of the Lord, as He was, but since we have this passage just before which seems to be describing the servant of God and telling of the work that He is doing, it seems to me more probable that in this case He is concluding the servant's statement of the work He is going to do saying there is wonderful blessing for him who shall trust in the servant and obey. I wouldn't want to be dogmatic on that. There are other matters in the prophets of which I feel much surer than of that particular phase of the interpretation but I think there is a good deal that looks in that direction.

Now in c. 51--I hate to spend much time on some of these sections because there is so much that is outstanding which is ahead that I wish that we could get to in the remaining sixteen chapters of the book. I don't think we will finish till next year. How's that? (Student) I doubt if we can do that, but c. 51 is not one of the great outstanding chapters. It is a chapter which has many wonderful verses in it and many wonderful teachings. It is a chapter that is a very much worth while, but I think perhaps in view of our shortness of time we might even skip over chapter 51. There are a number of very interesting problems in it. There was an article published about two