

with our ideas. The only way in which we can fix it is to get God's idea. Who would have believed the thing that we heard? This would be the answer to the problem. We would expect somebody to come with a big army and say, "Look, we are going to have justice here, and you ~~make~~ fix it up this way. Or else, ~~we would be~~ ... here is a person with an idea... we would take everybody that has had any education whether he knew anything or not, or not, we would just give them all ... , and then there will be no more grief, no more suffering... they will ~~not~~ all ... there are differences in human ideas. No wonder that the cure is to get rid of the thing. until we get rid of sin, we cannot have ~~the~~ a peaceful world. So the kings say, "Who would have believed our- what we have heard? " ~~From the context~~ When you get the context, the kings ~~just~~ are just mentioned before, why do you have to drag in the ~~prophet~~ prophets here? In this verse? When most of the commentators ~~w~~ start with ~~a~~ the beginning of the verse, and they all ~~k~~ look at the word in Hebrew, but they take the word ~~in~~ the present report day sense, although the other sense is equally taught. Why, they say, this is the prophets saying, "Who hath believed our report?" I do not think it is. I think it is kings, and they are pointing out the strange , remarkable things, something so different from what man would have imagined is what God is working out. But I do not think that that is merely ~~the~~ because of the relationship of the verse to the previous verse, but also because of the way they are continued and succeeded. The bishop thought of this first part of Isaiah 53 is , how different is God's plan from what man would have expected. This seems to be his thought in this area. First, we have the general introduction of the general summary that he is going to ~~the~~ do the work effectively. He is going to do the work in the way we would not expect... he is going to be humiliated, He is going to suffer. But by means of that he is going to bring redemption and cleansing to ~~the~~ many nations. That is the summary of it. Then we have the idea of the strangeness of it... it is God's