

and shalt not find them." Because Israel is His servant, that is, because Israel has a work to do for which He has brought them into the world. What is the work that Israel is to do? For what work has He called them? That we are sure is going to take place, because God has called them to that purpose, and nothing can prevent the work from being fulfilled. You have doubtless in your listening to the various motifs and of what didn't follow one of the motifs that I had given you, you have come to a statement, so that you know what the work is, that is to be done. About the statement here. But it is not right immediately here. You don't find in these verses, We shall continue, verses 11 and 12, they are comforted with the assurance that God will punish and remove the enemies of Israel. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou, worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel." Jacob is just a worm. Jacob is such that the Lord ~~mm~~ with His heel could tread on him and destroy him. Jacob is such that in comparison with the empires of Assyria and of Egypt, it is nothing. And yet, God says, "Fear not thou work, Jacob, and ye men of Israel. I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel." And so He goes on promising His blessings, His care, His protection to them.

Verse 17. "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst." I don't know if any of you can imagine what that means, but I can, from having gone through the experience. And there comes failure for thirst. "I the Lord will hear them. I the God of Israel will not forsake them." I told the story of that experience once, taking about 20 minutes on it, bringing out some very interesting lessons in Christian work from it. I told them in New York, ~~mm~~ at a meeting one August night, and when I finished no body came up to speak to me. Not one person. The auditorium just emptied like that. I was rather puzzled. And about seven or eight minutes later people began to drift back in. They all rushed out to drink coco cola or something. (Laughter). I told it out at Sierra one time in the mountains where the group would be around the camp fire. They had me tell of that trip of the story of the rescue of the fliers from the Canyon one night. So they asked me if I had any other stories to tell of the canyon, so I told them of this story of my thirst experience, and they had a bucket of water they would pass around, and everybody would drink during the evening. That night the bucket had to be filled two or three times. (Laughter.)