

*For Sabbath May 11th.*

Prove that the predicted Messiah should be a suffering Saviour.

It is of great moment to bear in mind that in the Jewish Scriptures there are two classes of predictions respecting the Anointed of the Father. One of these points to Him in His estate of humiliation and suffering; the other refers to His glorious reward and reign. We shall find passages of each description. David says, and this is Proof 1st: *Psalms* xvi, 9, 10. This is quoted and explained, *Acts* ii, 22—31.

Proof 2nd. *Isaiah* liii, 3. See also verses 4 and 12. Indeed the whole chapter is a proof. The sublime Seer depicts as if he were an eye-witness, though writing seven hundred years before the day of Messiah, His life, experience and death.

Proof 3rd. *Daniel* ix, 26. Surely this chronological prophecy is amazingly clear and specific.

*For Sabbath May 18th.*

Prove that Messiah is foretold as a reigning and triumphant Redeemer.

We may arrange our passages in two divisions: the first division will show our Lord reigning over Israel, or the natural descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the second, His kingly sway over all Gentile peoples.

1. Over Israel. Proof 1st. *Isaiah* xxiv, 23. It may be observed of this quotation and of the other proofs that they all refer, either in a great degree or altogether, to the glorious future. They belong to the department of prophecy yet to be fulfilled.

Additional proofs, *Isaiah* xxxii, 1; *Jeremiah* xxiii, 5, 6; *Micah* iv, 7.

2. Over the Gentiles, *Psalms* xxii, 27, 28.

Additional proofs, *Isaiah* xlix, 22, 23; lii, 13—15; lv, 4, 5; *Zechariah* ii, 10—13; viii, 20—23.

*For Sabbath May 25th.*

Prove that the Sabbath ought to be sanctified.

Our nature has a variety of impresses. Physically and morally, it is attuned and tempered to the Sabbath rest. Dread injury, calamity and ruin, are the consequences of disregarding and profaning the Sabbath. It is said that, if a parent wished, on parting with a son leaving home, to impart the most salutary single counsel possible, the injunction to keep the Sabbath holy would be that counsel. If it be regarded, all else will go well; if it be broken, every other sacred mandate will also.